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‘This strike has cost us £3m . . . it is our intention to recover that out of the hide of P&O in weeks to come’

Sealink makes all-out war on ferry rivals

By Tim Jones, Peter Davenport and David Sapsted

Mr James Sherwood last night declared economic war against P&O, its main cross-channel ferry competitor and made it clear it hoped the National Union of Seamen would win the four month old dispute.

The declaration from the head of Sealink came after the union had ordered its members to end their illegal secondary picketing and abandon their action against Sealink.

Mr Sherwood said: "The cost of this strike to us has been £3 million. I can only say that that it is our intention to recover that £3 million out of the hide of P&O if we possibly can in the weeks ahead.

In a direct attack on his P&O counterpart, Mr Sherwood said: "Sir James Sterling's handing of the dispute has been unsatisfactory and if his company is going to lose as a result of their behaviour they deserve to".

He said that the problem with the new management which ran P&O was that they "wanted to build Rome in a day".

"We will fily co-operate with the NUS. We intend to continue to recognize the NUS as the effective bargaining unit. We will fully cooperate with the union.

"I don't think that P&O are coming out of this affair with a very good reputation. Senior NUS men I have spoken to have said that in future their motto is 'Sail safe, sail Sealink'. I think our union is going to be behind us."

"Our terms are little different to those offered by P&O but I am confident that savings will be achieved in an orderly way over a number of years. If P&O's intention is to operate non-union ships and impose working. I think they will have difficulties."

He announced that as part of the plan to punish P&O, an extra ferry had been hired from the Scandinavian Stena line to mop up P&O's missing business. The vessel is capable of handling 1,200 passengers and 300 cars.

When it begins to operate in about two weeks' time, it will relieve considerably the pressure on Dover and create 180 jobs for NUS members.

He said Sealink, faced with the economic threat of the Channel Tunnel, would seek to reduce its manning levels but in negotiation with the union over a period of years.

Sealink, he said, had a good relationship with the NUS and he was confident that it could achieve its manning levels through negotiation and not confrontation.

Faced with a growing revolt among its rank and file members, the NUS executive yesterday decided to concentrate solely on waging its war for survival against the P&O ferry company.

The union called off the illegal secondary action which has crippled British ports.

Prospects for a rapid return to normality at all ports except Dover increased with the vote by lorry drivers at Dover and Calais to end their blockade, which has been in force for the past three days.

Sealink has withdrawn the threat to its 2,300 striking employees to begin employing foreign and external crews if striking P&O members did not accept its offer to add two more ferries to its fleet and employ 450 of the dismissed seamen.

The beginning of the end for the union's defiance of the law, which had led to its £2.8 million assets being sequestrated, came just after 6am yesterday when the Sealink cross-Channel vessel, Seafreight Freeway, slipped into Dover from Calais. It was the first NUS-manned Sealink vessel to use the port for three weeks.

Mr Sam McCluskie, the general secretary of the NUS, had welcomed the blockade as an important boost for the union's strategy of forcing P&O back to the negotiating table.

Yesterday, speaking in Hull, Mr McCluskie said he recognized that the mood among his members to sustain their secondary action was collapsing and said the decision had been taken to avoid a piecemeal drift back to work and a "damaging split" in the union around the country.

Describing it as a "sad day", Mr McCluskie said the executive had studied reports from its officials and realized that Sealink members at Dover, faced with the threat of their jobs being given to external crews if they did not return to work, were bound to re-man their vessels.

Mr McCluskie said: "Everyone knew this day had to come. I am personally dis-

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A delegation of striking seamen from Dover have petitioned the EEC to draw up stricter safety rules for cross-Channel ferries. The men are demanding that the European Commission investigate the effects of the new P&O working conditions.

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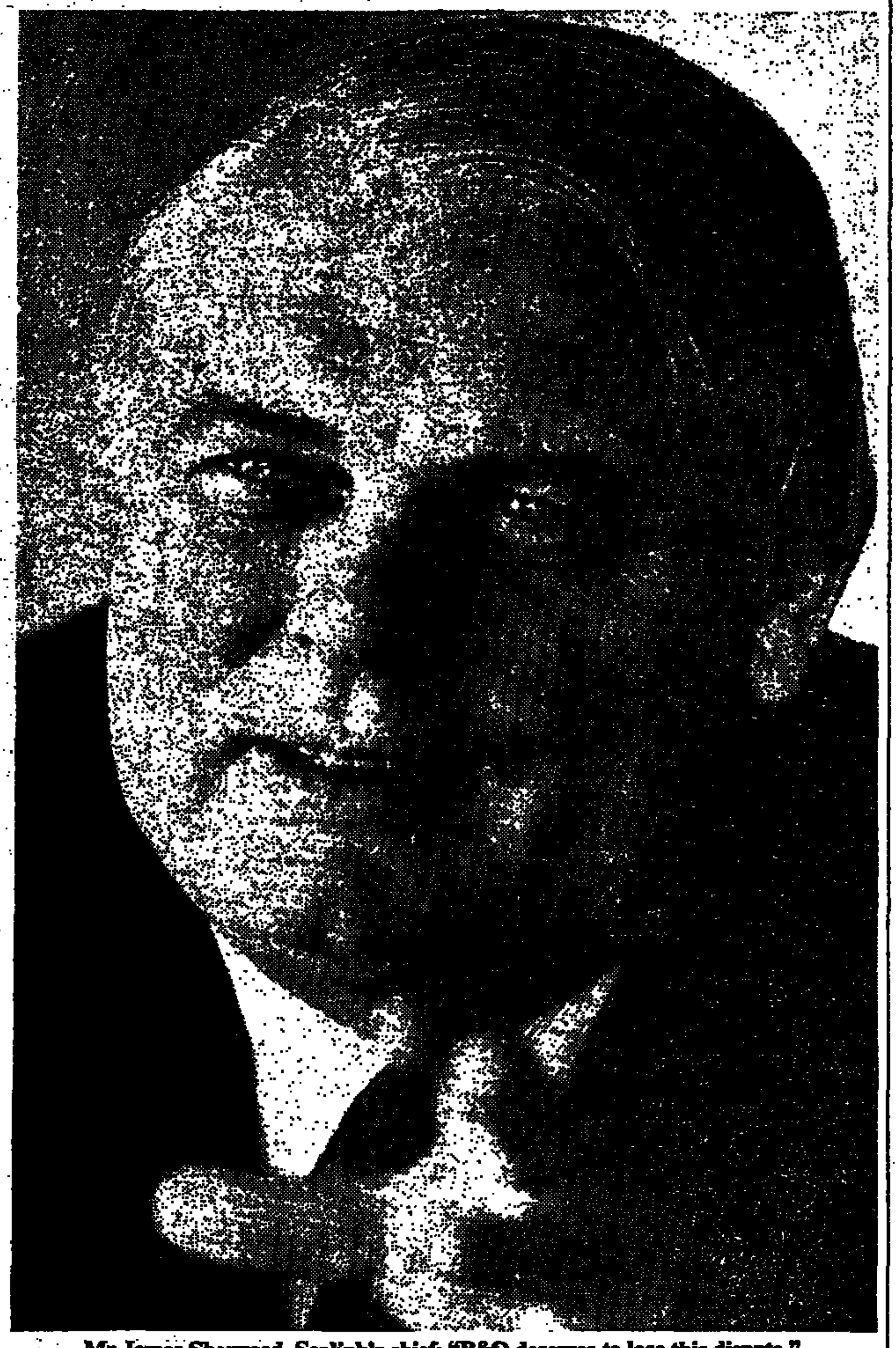

Mr James Sherwood, Sealink's chief: "P&O deserves to lose this dispute."

Lords setback for Baker's school reforms

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Kenneth Baker is planning to take revenge on the House of Lords for yesterday wrecking *the centrepiece of his plans* for allowing parents to take control of schools.

He made it clear last night that he will not accept the defeat inflicted on his proposals by the peers and will reverse it when the Education Reform Bill returns to the Commons in the summer.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science said: "The House of Commons has debated and approved decisively an electoral process by which schools can become grant-maintained. The House of Lords has reached a different view and we shall need to consider what they have said. But I think it unlikely that the House of Commons will want to change its mind on this important issue."

Lord Whitelaw, the former leader of the Lords, had warned the Government to expect defeats on the Education Reform Bill on the issues of opting out and abolition of the Inner London Education Authority.

Yesterday's successful revolt, led by the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, resulted from a combination of skilful tactics by the whips in the Opposition parties, and little support from the Government's own benches, probably aided partly by the absence of peers affected by the outbreak of salmonella in the Upper House.

It sent a clear signal to Mr Baker that he must expect defeat on another amendment to be moved by the Bishop of London next Tuesday, to prevent early abolition of Ilea.

The voting yesterday was 144 to 121 in favour of a majority of all parents voting for a school to "opt out" of local authority control and to take on grant-maintained status directly under the Department of Education and Science.

Under Mr Baker's scheme, if only 50 per cent of parents vote, then a school could opt out with only the support of 26 per cent of parents. Under the Bishop's amendment, 50 per cent of all parents will need to support a vote to "opt out" before a school can take on grant-maintained status.

If, as Mr Baker suggested, the Lords' amendment is reversed by the Government's comfortable majority in the Commons, the Upper House will have another chance to defeat the Government, although in practice such defiance is rarely shown.

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Many of the peers who voted for the change pointed out that the original proposal was contrary to all previous Government legislation dealing with trade unions and public companies.

Mr Baker's only friends in the debate were the Government's front bench spokesman, Lord Trefgarne, and three senior Conservative backbenchers, Lord Beloff, Lady Young and Lady Blatch, who have all been briefed to help the Government steer the Education Reform Bill through the Lords.

The Bishop of London, *normally a strong supporter of* the Government, argued that he had an "open mind" about opting out. But he felt it was unreasonable and undemocratic that a small proportion of parents could effect substantial change in a school.

"One is driven to the point, much as I regret having to make this suggestion, that one of the purposes is to encourage schools to opt out", he said.

Thatcher refuses to support Lawson on exchange rates

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Tory MPs were puzzled and Opposition leaders jubilant over the Prime Minister's failure yesterday to respond to direct challenges to support Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on exchange rate policy.

In the present condition of the *City* and the *foreign* exchange markets, her behaviour in response to questions from Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, appeared to MPs likely to lead to further concern about relations between her and Mr Lawson, in spite of assurances from Number 10 and the Treasury that all was well and that their pre-Budget disagreement has been put behind them.

Mr Kinnock last night went so far as to charge the Prime Minister with "treachery" on the question of the exchange rate. He said: "The Prime Minister twice refused to stand by her Chancellor in the House today. Clearly her pride and prejudice are both stronger than any sense of loyalty to her Chancellor or to the trading interests of Britain."

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But some Tory MPs interpreted Mrs Thatcher's refusal to be drawn by Mr Kinnock's questions as a sign that she was deliberately avoiding any comment on exchange rate questions after Mr Lawson's public warning that it was unwise to have such market-sensitive matters discussed in public to the extent that they had been before the Budget.

Yesterday at Commons Question Time Mrs Thatcher praised Mr Lawson's stewardship of the economy, but she avoided commenting on Government exchange rate policy.

At Treasury Questions earlier, Mr Lawson told MPs: "It is a very foolish Government *that refrains from intervention* in the foreign exchange markets in all circumstances."

Moscow applauds traitor Philby

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday broke its deafening silence on the death of *Kim Philby*, the British traitor, when Tass confirmed that he had died and described him as "a remarkable Soviet intelligence agent".

It was the first public mention of Philby's death in the *Soviet Union and the wording* indicated that it had been approved at Politburo level. The official Soviet news agency said that Philby, aged 76, had died on Wednesday.

Tass confirmed in its obituary that he had held top Soviet awards, including the Order of Lenin, the Order of the Red Banner, and the Order of the Great Fatherland War. The latter was normally given to senior Soviet officers who fought in the Second World War. The agency stated: "The long years of secret war waged by Kim Philby, a man who had a high sense of his internationalist duty, began in the 1930s and was against fascism. The multifaceted heroic work of the veteran Soviet intelligence agent, which was also broad in the geographic sense, was carried out in the

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Rowntree plea for action

Mr Kenneth Dixon, chairman of Rowntree, made an impassioned appeal to the Government to stop his company falling into foreign hands. In an exclusive article for *The Times*, he said that Swiss predators were "slowly but surely taking creeping control of Rowntree" ....Page 25

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A tournament ban and £10,000 fine was imposed on Cliff Thorburn for *taking* drugs during a snooker contest. .Page 44

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SLD battle begins after Steel retreat

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The battle for the leadership of the Social and Liberal Democrats got under way almost one month early last night as Mr David Steel's departure from the race provoked a burst of activity in the rival camps of Mr Paddy Ashdown and Mr Alan Beith.

Hours before Mr Steel publicly announced that he would not be a candidate for the leadership, the two front-runners were preparing for the struggle by organizing campaign teams and strategies for a contest that will effectively last almost 11 weeks.

Mr Steel told his constituency party executive that he had reached his decision not *to stand for the leadership of* the party he was instrumental in creating "after the most careful, serious and prolonged consideration".

He said that last autumn he had publicly stated that there was a strong case for the new party to have a new leader. "My original instinct was correct and my name will not be among the leadership nominations next month," said Mr Steel, adding that he had only lingered before making the announcement because of strong pressure from fellow MPs, the constituency association and others.

Mr Steel told the meeting at Galashiels that there were several people well qualified now to lead the party, but added that it would not be proper for him to play any part in the forthcoming election. He had decided to have his decision made public last night so that MPs would be given time to reflect on other candidatures

He insisted that he was not in any way "bowing out" and would remain an active MP and hoped to be part of a future radical government.

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Chinese jet is hijacked to Taiwan

**From A Correspondent
Taipei**

Two suspected defectors armed with fake weapons hijacked a Chinese passenger plane with 118 people on board yesterday and diverted it to Taiwan, where they released passengers and gave themselves up to the authorities.

The Boeing 737, carrying 11 crew and 107 passengers, including foreigners, was diverted to a central Taiwan military airbase yesterday in the first hijacking of a Chinese commercial aircraft to the island.

Taiwanese and Chinese television reports said that two Chinese men aged 27 from the Southern Yunan Province had threatened to blow up the Civil Aviation and Administration of China jet.

Television reports said that the hijackers sought "freedom or defection".

BBC man dies of Legionnaires virus

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

A BBC foreman responsible for housekeeping operations died yesterday after contracting Legionnaires' disease at the BBC headquarters, London.

Mr Jim Morgan, aged in his early sixties and married, was admitted to hospital on April 27 with pneumonia. Tests confirmed that he had contracted the disease.

There are now 33 confirmed cases of the disease, six of whom are from the BBC. Six of the confirmed victims are in a serious condition.

The Department of Health and Social Security disclosed yesterday that patients at the 600-bed *Middlesex hospital* risked contracting Legionnaires' disease after an investigation of buildings within 500 yards of the BBC headquarters in Portland Place had shown the presence of *Legionella* in the water cooling system.

It said the equipment had been disinfected with chlorine-based chemicals and was no longer a health threat. *Medical staff at the hospital* were investigating whether any patients had contracted the disease.

Reports that *Legionella* bacteria had also been found at the offices of Independent Television News were dismissed by ITN yesterday. A man working for building contractors at ITN house in Wells Street, central London, is among the confirmed cases. However, tests failed to find evidence that he contracted the disease at the ITN offices, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the DHSS is understood to be drawing up guidelines for the maintenance and operation of hot and cold water systems to protect hospitals from the disease.

Lloyd's syndicate must pick up a £100m bill

By Alison Eadie

A total of 1,250 members of Lloyd's of London are facing losses of more than £100 million as a result of rising claims from American liability insurance written in the early 1980s.

The "names" — generally wealthy individuals who put up money in the insurance market — include Lord Kimball, who is on the ruling council of Lloyd's, Mr Colin Cowdrey, the former England cricket captain, and *Mr Tom Benyon, the former Conser*vative MP. Losses average £82,000 per name, although actual losses depend on the amount held in the syndicate.

Names on syndicate 553, run by CJ Warrilow, the managing agent, will soon be asked to provide an immediate £31.5 million in a cash call, which follows a £9 million cash call last year. They will also be asked to pay a further £62.5 million, probably over *the next year, to boost the solvency of* the syndicate.

The losses on the syndicate are now standing at 209 per cent of the original £45 million underwriting capacity. The policies written covered American long-term business, which includes risks such as asbestosis and toxic waste. Several Lloyd's syndicates are suffering similar problems.

Mr Cowdrey, who retired from cricket in 1975 and now works as a special representative in the public relations department of Barclays Bank, was unavailable for comment last night.

Lord Kimball, an external member of the Council of Lloyd's and keen huntsman, flew back from London to his remote fishing estate in Lairg, *Sutherland last night.*

He was philosophical about his financial setback."I don't even know what share I've got. And anyway, insurance underwriting is only sophisticated bookmaking. If the book goes wrong then you lose."

Lord Kimball, who also has a manor house in Market Harborough in Leicestershire, added: "It's swings and roundabouts. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. You always pay your bookmaker. Underwriting is the same. You pay up and shut up."

Mr Benyon, a former chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members, said there was a strong mood of disquiet about the way the syndicate's affairs had been managed.

Mr Cyril Warrilow was underwriter for the syndicate until November 1984, when the agency came under new management. The 1984 accounts have been left open, meaning names are still liable for losses from former years which feed into the 1984 accounts. The 1985 account is also showing a loss of 10 per cent

Mr Benyon has called a meeting of Warrilow names next Tuesday at Lloyd's to discuss what action to take.

The key issue is whether the *members' agents*, who place names on syndicates, could have spotted the problems of under-reserving and overwriting, Mr Benyon said.

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O'Hare wife not guilty of kidnap

The pregnant wife of the terrorist, Dessie O'Hare, was cleared of a kidnap charge by Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday. Mrs Clare O'Hare, aged 27, from Keady, Co Armagh, was found not guilty by direction of the court of falsely imprisoning the Dublin dentist, Mr John O'Grady, between October 25 and November 6.

The direction followed a legal submission by Mrs O'Hare's lawyer, Mr Patrick McEntee, who said: "There is not a pick of evidence that she wilfully encouraged any crime whatsoever. She may have been afraid of further enraging her mad husband who might bring his wrath on her."

During the three-day trial, the court was told that O'Hare, known as the Border Fox, tried to shoot his wife after he discovered she was seeing another man.

O'Hare was jailed for 40 years last month for kidnapping Mr O'Grady and cutting off two of his fingers. He had demanded a £1.5 million ransom.

'End immunity' call

Health officers are demanding legislation to remove Crown Immunity from Crown and government organizations. The Crown and many Crown agents and government departments, including prisons, still enjoy immunity from prosecution under present health legislation. A report by the Institution of Environmental Health Officers criticizes an "outmoded anachronistic principle" which has serious health and safety implications. Thousands of workers in the public sector do not enjoy the same degree of protection at work as those in the private sector, the report says.

Jaguar peace move

Workers at Jaguar's engine and transmission plant at Radford, Coventry, will be recommended by shop stewards today to end an overtime ban while talks take place with management over bonus payments. The 2,000 workers at Radford imposed the ban four days ago after protesting that productivity bonuses were lower than they had expected.

Anti-drugs game

The Government has launched a new anti-drugs campaign directed at youth organizations, featuring a board game called Uppers and Downers. The game, which is intended to be played by the youth workers, rather than the youngsters, includes questions such as "When Coca-Cola was invented it contained cocaine, true or false". The answer is true, although it has been replaced by caffeine.

Bar appeals concern

The Bar Council is concerned that some barristers who are suspended or disbarred for professional misconduct are exploiting appeals rules to go on practising for several months after the hearing while they wait for their appeals to be heard. The council is taking a firmer line with barristers appealing against the findings with a view to delaying the outcome of proceedings; and changes in the rules so that only relevant parts of transcripts have to be provided.

1,040 jobs axed

Nearly 1,000 people will lose their jobs after United Biscuits announced that its KP Foods factory in Halifax will close by the end of next year. Mr Howard Brookman, KP Foods' production director, said efforts would be made to find alternative employment for some of the 990 workers in the group's other factories. The firm would set up an advisory service to help workers to find other jobs.

● Fifty jobs are to go in a modernization move by *The Northern Echo*, the regional morning newspaper for the North-east, it was announced yesterday. The decision will affect staff in the platemaking, press and despatch departments.

Labour welcomes left-wing think tank

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

An independent policy institute to promote left-wing political thinking is to be established.

Plans for the unit, which is being set up amid considerable secrecy, have gone before the Charity Commission. Leading figures in the Labour movement secured funds to launch the project, which is seen as a counter to the successful policy units of the right.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, is an enthusiastic supporter, but the institute, yet to be named, will have no formal links with the Labour Party and will not be funded by it.

Key people in drawing up plans for the organization are Mr John Eatwell, Mr Kinnock's senior economic adviser, Mr Tony Christopher, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, and an unidentified City figure who was instrumental in raising most of the finance.

Mr Eatwell is a fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. The Inland Revenue Staff Federation proposed the idea of a left-wing think tank at last year's TUC conference.

By remaining separate from the Labour Party the institute will be able to "think the unthinkable", according to one of its founders, without the party being associated from the outset with any of its radical or controversial findings.

The hope is that it will perform a similar function in long-term Labour thinking as that for the Conservatives by the Centre for Policy Studies, founded by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Lord Joseph, and the Institute for Economic Affairs.

The importance of such free-standing outside bodies has long been recognized by senior Labour politicians and trades union figures. Labour Party policy researchers often have difficulty in forwarding new ideas through the party bureacracy because of the risk of proposals being leaked to quickly kill them off.

Some of the most radical changes during the Thatcher years, including privatization, trades union reform, and education, were originally floated by external policy bodies.

The new institute will initially cost about £150,000 a year to run. Trades unions have provided some money for the launch and are expected to give more when the plans are officially released.

The post of director is to be advertised in the next few weeks and a council of leading political, academic and some non-political figures will be established. A number of senior researchers will be employed and other work will be commissioned.

Several leading union figures, notably Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, are closely involved in the formation of the think tank and will be involved in its work.

Mr Kinnock and other senior politicians believe that the formation of an independent research body inclined to the left is long overdue. It seems certain that Mr Kinnock will have a close relationship with the director.

Charitable status will enable donations from institutions and individuals to attract tax relief.

Although it is accepted that some of the institute's findings will be rejected outright by Labour leaders, there are hopes that at least some of its early reports will be available to the second phase of the Labour Party policy review after the autumn party conference.

Civil Service union leader faces £6,000 cut in salary

By Roland Rudd

Militant delegates took revenge on the moderate leadership of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), which swept the Broad Left from power, when they pushed through a motion to cut the salaries of top officials.

The militants, who suffered a series of humiliating defeats at the annual conference of the union this week, persuaded delegates to back a Broad Left motion aimed at bringing the salaries of Mr John Ellis, the moderate general secretary, and other officials closer to average pay levels of £4,000 to £7,000.

Mr Ellis, who earns £29,500, accused left wingers of ignoring union principles which demand the rate for the job. Mr John Macreadie, his deputy and a Militant supporter, has caused an inter-union dispute by asking for his salary to be cut by £6,000.

Union officials are members of the white-collar Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex). It has told Mr Macreadie such a cut would result in the union being formally reported to the TUC.

Mr Roy Grantham, general secretary of Apex, said: "A cut is unacceptable and contary to good trade union practice. It's quite extraodinary that Mr Macreadie was arguing for a lower salary when he owes the union £13,500 after losing a court case against the association."

The motion was passed on a card vote of 72,000 to 62,000. Mr Ellis said: "The delegates have asked me to negotiate for them a long-term pay system which included fair comparisons with workers doing similar work.

"These were two conditions delegates now wished to deny to their senior officers, whose salaries, negotiated through the staff union, Apex, equate, to officers of similar rank within the Civil Service."

The union delegates argued that top officials were out of touch with the problems of the lowly-paid membership because of "bulging wallets" and "astronomic" salaries.

Mr Ellis said it was another symptom of the bitterness and hate within far-left groupings in the union, which paid no heed to union principles. A later attempt to subject senior full-time officers to annual elections was defeated.

● Delegates to the CPSA conference were warned yesterday to put away their distinctive "ER" briefcases to prevent being attacked.

The union said its members were increasingly becoming targets for violent assaults. Staff at risk included prison workers, court officials, customs officers, those at DHSS and unemployment benefit offices and traffic wardens.

It said members had been sprayed with CS gas, while benefits claimants had ripped down security screens and traffic wardens had been deliberately run down by motorists. Civil Servants faced a barrage f verbal abuse and had been threatened with dogs.

"There have been many examples of visiting officers being identified by their ER briefcases and abused and assaulted in the street, as well as in clients' homes and on traders' premises." The union blamed public spending cuts and changes in social security and unemployment policies for the increase in violence.

Sudden death in W14

A woman competitor on manoeuvres in Kensington (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

By Ronald Faux

Within two minutes I was dead, shot in the chest by a bank clerk from Epping. He moved as bank clerks rarely do, at a crouched sprint, holding a pistol in both hands and spraying the air with ersatz lead.

At that precise moment I opted to spring from cover and make my dash to capture the enemy flag, a re-run of the climax in *Platoon* except that I was greeted by a hail of fire that would have reduced me to a colander had it been real. The pellets that exploded on my overalls left damp red stains. I had been "blotted".

This was the first night of the Great Adventure Game, played on the killing fields of Kensington in a warehouse behind Olympia. Opposing 20-strong teams advance on one another behind the cover of walls and barriers. The combatants carry pistols that fire paint pellets; the object is to capture the enemy's flag while defending your own.

Once "blotted", my errors were explained. I had not obeyed the team strategy, moving forward only according to the battle plan and with covering fire. Individual heroics were frowned upon.

The Kensington complex in west London is said to be the first indoor centre of its type in Europe, although The Adventure Game Ltd has eight outdoor centres around Britain where thousands participate. The idea began in Canada and spread to Britain via the United States.

Mr John Wright, director of the company and a former soldier, said the games were "a tremendous form of exercise and a great way for people in stressful jobs to get rid of their frustration. It is certainly no more combative than a game of squash or rugby."

Michael Hart, aged 25, a stockbroker from Fulham, south-west London, was playing his fifth game. "There is a definite adrenalin buzz", he said. "A game completely absorbs you and puts you through it physically. A work-out in a gym or jogging seems really boring by comparison."

Grade attacks council choice

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

A strong attack on the expected selection of Sir William Rees-Mogg as the first chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council is made today by Mr Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4.

In a speech to a media conference in Cardiff, Mr Grade questions whether Sir William's "contempt" for television producers and his opinionated outlook qualify him as a suitable person to head the Government's new television watchdog body.

The appointment of Sir William, at present chairman of the Arts Council, is expected to be officially confirmed next week by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary.

Mr Grade says today: "I wonder just what are the qualifications of Sir William Rees-Mogg to be set up – as we are promised – as the head of this new body which will be the arbiter of the standards of the nation's television.

"In print recently he has felt able to castigate a play which he apparently hadn't seen; whatever the merits of the case that doesn't bode well for fair dealing."

Mr Grade says while a BBC governor, Mr Rees-Mogg had contempt for producers. He had "a starring role in the *Real Lives* fiasco" in which he swayed the BBC governors to ban a documentary on Ulster which was later shown "without noticeable damage to the body politic".

Mr Grade, who left the BBC to join Channel 4 last November, adds: "Are his tastes those of the nation? Is his idea of political bias a concept which is generally shared? Given the difficulty and imprecision of these very notions, is an opinionated ex-editor of *The Times* a figure of reassuring impartiality?

"Is he likely to prove a champion of the chronically under represented consumers whose sovereignty is at the heart of the new world of broadcasting?

"Or is he simply the ideal man to carry out a predetermined task, handing down his patrician wisdom from his country seat in Somerset?"

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Sterling is to meet BBC chiefs

By Our Media Editor

Sir Jeffrey Sterling, the P&O chairman under fire from the Labour Party for his role in shaping government broadcasting policy, is to meet the chairman and director general of the BBC next week.

He will be accompanied by Professor Brian Griffiths, the Prime Minister's policy adviser, at what is expected to be the first of several working breakfasts with key people in the broadcasting industry.

Sir Jeffrey is a special adviser to Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who is responsible in part for developing broadcasting policy.

The P&O chief's role in helping to draw up broadcasting policy has increased speculation that the Department of Trade is trying to wrest the broadcasting portfolio from the Home Office. It is known there is support in Downing Street for such a switch.

Chess giants matched

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The European Options Exchange chess tournament, starting in Amsterdam today, features the game's three highest ranked players.

The world champion, Gary Kasparov (USSR), the former world champion, Anatoly Karpov (USSR), and the international grandmaster, Jan Timman (The Netherlands), will play each other and the Dutch grandmaster John van der Wiel four times.

The tournament at the Barbizon Hotel will run until May 28. Inevitably it will be viewed as the tiebreaker after the Kasparov against Karpov world championship match in Seville, southern Spain, last year.

That drawn match resulted in Kasparov's retention of his world title.

Government advertising attack

Tory party 'copied slogans'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Labour has accused the Government of using public funds for party purposes by plagiarizing government advertising material for Conservative political campaigns.

Meanwhile, it was confirmed yesterday that when Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, was appointed Conservative Party chairman last year his ministerial responsibilities for the Central Office of Information – the body chiefly responsible for government advertising material – were passed to Mr Peter Lilley, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, to avoid a possible conflict of interests.

The transfer was confirmed in the Commons by Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

The plagiarism accusation came from Mr Tony Blair, a Labour trade and industry spokesman, who circulated copies of Conservative Party and government advertisements showing similarities of style and content.

The Tory party material carried such slogans as: "Action for the Third Term", "Action for Prosperity", "Action for Business", "Action for Inner Cities", and "Action for Employment". The government-funded documents had the slogans: "Action for Cities", "Action for Jobs" and "Action Now" in similar handwriting and typefaces.

Mr Blair, who plans to write to the Prime Minister, said the two campaigns showed "a quite extraordinary and unhealthy coincidence between the Government's advertising and the campaigns of the Tory party.

"It amounts to subliminal political advertising on a huge scale. It is the clearest possible proof yet that government advertising now involves the abuse of public funds for party purposes."

In the Commons yesterday Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said government advertising had gone up five fold since 1979 and was currently estimated to be £88 million.

Mr Major said the percentage of Central Office of Information expenditure for advertising had not materially changed since 1978-79.

Mr Blair said yesterday that "Action for Jobs" had been used as the slogan of the Department of Employment since April 1986 and "Action for Cities" had been adopted by the Department of the Environment and then used as the launch slogan of the Inner Cities campaign begun by the Government last March.

The Conservative Party had started using the slogan "Action for the third term" and "Action for Employment" at the 1987 party conference.

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Government backs opencast mining

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

New planning rules which British Coal and the Government hope will allow more opencast coal operations, while still retaining tight environmental controls, are to be released next week.

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that his colleagues at the Department of the Environment will announce the changes.

He said both he and Sir Kenneth Couzens, the British Coal deputy chairman who oversees opencast operations, hope that they will mean more opencast operations being allowed.

Refusal of planning consent by local authorities for several mining projects has delayed the medium term strategy of opencast operations.

The new controls, while still imposing strict conditions on opencast operators, will be designed to make projects more attractive to local authorities. More emphasis will be put on the benefits which can be gained by a local community from opencast work during and after the average five-year life of a mine.

Mr Spicer said he hoped planning authorities will become more aware of the job opportunities which can be created and the facilities, such as playing fields, golf courses, and other recreational areas, which can be provided on restored opencast sites.

"The Government is committed to ensure that the disruption caused by opencast coal mining is kept to a minimum, that the correct balance is struck between legitimate environmental concerns and the need for coal, and that restoration standards are the highest possible."

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Gibraltar shootings

Lawyers move to call SAS at inquest

By Tony Dawe

Moves have begun to ensure that the SAS members involved in the killing of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar appear before the inquest into the deaths on June 27.

Lawyers representing the families of the terrorists will apply formally for copies of statements made by the SAS members after the shootings and for a copy of the pathologist's report.

They will argue that they cannot do their job properly and cross-examine witnesses fully unless they see the documents before the inquest.

If Mr Felix Pizzarello, the Gibraltar coroner, grants the application, the lawyers may seek the appearance of the SAS members at the inquest. If the coroner refuses, a submission is expected to be put to the inquest by Mr P J McCrory, a Belfast barrister, to get the SAS to give evidence in person.

However, the Prime Minister is reluctant to put the soldiers at risk of recognition by forcing them to attend. She may change her mind if assurances can be given that their identities will be protected, even from the jury.

Lawyers in Gibraltar believe the inquest will start without the SAS men and that the coroner will make a final decision on whether to seek them in person during the hearing.

Mr McCrory, who is being advised by Finch and Partners, a local firm, may also seek an undertaking from Mr Eric Thistlethwaite, the Gibraltar Attorney General, that he would not allow the men to leave the colony until the jury reached its decision.

Mr Thistlethwaite told *The Times* this week that he had not ruled out bringing murder charges against the soldiers but would require further evidence before doing so.

● The BBC board of governors, at a meeting in Glasgow yesterday, unanimously supported the decision of Mr Michael Checkland, director general of the corporation, to allow BBC Northern Ireland's *Spotlight* programme on the Gibraltar shootings to be screened (Richard Evans writes).

Later, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, made public a letter written yesterday to Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, in which he detailed reasons why the authority felt it had been right to allow Thames Television to screen *Death on the Rock*.

Lord Thomson said references by Sir Geoffrey to Lord Salmon's report of 1969 on the law of contempt as it affected tribunals of inquiry was not relevant to the IBA decision. "There is to be no tribunal of inquiry in Gibraltar", he said.

Free speech and free inquiry underpinned individual liberty in a democracy.

● Relatives of Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage, the dead IRA terrorists, accused the Government yesterday of murder. They sought further action from Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister.

Electricians defy TUC with single-union deal

By Roland Rudd

The electricians' union yesterday announced that it has signed a further single-union deal with a Japanese company in South Wales, a week after being told by the TUC disputes committee to withdraw from two other agreements.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU), which has vowed to break the TUC's ruling and continue to sign agreements, said it had signed a deal with Matsushita Electronic Components in Port Talbot.

The agreement has only just been signed and does not yet specify the type of dispute procedure.

However, Mr Robin Williams, personnel manager, said the company was hopeful of signing a compulsory arbitration agreement or no-strike deal.

Matsushita has already signed a single-union agreement at its electrical factory in Cardiff with the GMB general union, which is critical of the type of deals signed by the electricians.

Mr Williams said the company had considered the GMB but decided that the electricians' "policy of working with employers" was best suited to its needs.

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Accident victim's nerves repaired in 45-minute operation

Muscle implant breakthrough may save limbs

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

British surgeons have carried out the world's first muscle transplants to repair damaged nerves in accident victims.

They described their results yesterday as "very exciting" and said they might save some limbs which would otherwise be amputated.

The advance could lead to the repair of more serious injuries which involve the loss of movement and sensation. Babies injured during birth, victims of gunshot wounds and even some cancer patients who need surgery could be helped.

The new technique involves grafting small slices of muscle to bridge the gap in damaged nerves, which then have the potential to regrow and reconnect through the graft. It is seen as a big improvement on existing, complex operations.

Until now, nerve tissue from other parts of the body has been removed and transplanted, often with unsatisfactory results.

The new operation was developed by a former heart surgeon, Mr Michael Glasby, whose work is being funded with a £55,000 grant from the Action Research For The Crippled Child charity.

Mr Glasby, of the anatomy department at Edinburgh University medical school, said: "The technique was very much a long shot at first, because it was so revolutionary, but now the clinical trials are showing results which are of real significance.

"In theory, we could have bespoke muscle grafts, cut and tailored to any size. But we are still at an early stage."

The first patient to undergo the new operation, Mrs Angela Saunders, showed how she has regained much of the use of her hand after almost severing an index finger in an accident with a bread knife.

"My hand was almost useless but now it is almost back to normal", Mrs Saunders, a Brighton hotelier, said yesterday. A small piece of muscle was taken from beneath her armpit and transplanted into her finger in a 45-minute operation, carried out under local anaesthetic.

Her operation was performed by Mr Bill Norris, senior registrar in plastic surgery at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

In a pilot study at the hospital the technique has produced excellent results in nine other accident victims, he said.

It was possible that in some cases, the amputation of an injured limb could be avoided, he said.

Mr Glasby said it was very unlikely that muscle grafts could be used to repair spinal injuries.

One possibility, however, was that they might be employed in cancer operations, when nerves had to be sacrificed to remove tumours.

The new operation will not be available generally until it has been evaluated scientifically.

Men are unfairly discriminated against in health campaigns, Relate, formerly called the Marriage Guidance Council, said yesterday.

More than 6,000 men die every year from cancer of the prostate gland compared to 2,000 women who die from cervical cancer. Yet the dangers of prostate cancer are poorly publicized, the organization says.

There is a regular screening programme for breast and cervical cancer for women but none for prostate cancer for men.

Such a service would be cheap to run and save many lives, Dr Vernon Coleman, a medical author, said.

"More men die from heart disease than women and more men commit suicide successfully. At least half the country's tranquillizer addicts are men. There is very little health information given to men. Men are getting a raw deal out of preventative health campaigns in this country."

Mrs Angela Saunders with Mr Bill Norris, the surgeon who saved her damaged right hand (Photograph: John Rogers).

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Students end term with win

The sole winner of the Portfolio daily prize of £4,000 is a student at Reading University who plans to use the money to repay debts and finance a holiday.

Mr Charles O'Brien, aged 21, of Granby Gardens, Reading, Berkshire, who is reading politics and will take his finals next week, said he planned to take a holiday after his examinations.

He has played Portfolio regularly since last October. His house-mate, Mr Mark Gilchrist, aged 21, who is reading classics, has a share in the card and and will be going to Menorca as a result of the win.

Mr Charles O'Brien: plans a post-exam holiday.

Peers call for home taping law changes

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The House of Lords yesterday called for government action to amend ineffective laws covering home copying of records and tapes.

In a ruling which marks the climax of a four-year battle by the music industry to curb home taping, Lord Templeman said "millions of breaches of the law" were committed by home copiers every year. "A law which is treated with such contempt should be amended or repealed", he said.

"The beat of Sergeant Pepper and the soaring sounds of the Miserere from unlawful copies are more powerful than law-abiding instincts or twinges of conscience".

But Lord Templeman and four other law lords dismissed a test appeal brought by the British Phonographic Industry Ltd on behalf of leading record companies against Amstrad Consumer Electronics and Dixons, the retailers.

The record companies were seeking to curb the manufacture and distribution of home taping equipment, which they declared amounted to incitement to commit an offence.

Lord Templeman said the law lords had no power to make the orders but acknowledged that the present position was "infuriating".

The Government has been awaiting the ruling before considering amendments to the Copyright Bill, which is going through the Commons. The BPI is to press for amendments.

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Promoters 'to blame' for pop star's strain

The publicity officer for George Michael, the pop singer, who has cancelled several British dates in his world tour because of a throat infection and strain, yesterday suggested that promoters arranging too many concerts could be to blame.

George Michael set out last February on a 150-date world tour.

The singer, aged 24, has cancelled performances in the British Isles: Earls Court on June 16, Glasgow on June 19 and Dublin on July 1. Performances scheduled for June 28 and 29 in Belfast will be replaced by a single show on July 1.

Miss Connie Filippello, his publicity officer, said yesterday that managers and promoters had tried to cram in as many dates as possible.

"These international stars can be pushed hard. His complaint is a mixture of strain and infection, but stories that he will never sing again 'live' are alarmist."

Italian police contact Scotland Yard for information

Torture theory in villa murders

By Roger Boyes

One of the four victims of an attack at the Italian villa of a London restaurateur may have been tortured before she was killed. A pathologist's report leaked to reporters yesterday says Signora Silvana Galassi had three small holes bored into her skull.

Police have swamped the Adriatic seaside resort of Rimini near the villa but still have no conclusive evidence about who may have shot dead Signor Luigi Pagliarani, his English wife, Patricia, and their friends Signora Galassi and her husband, Sergio, on Monday night.

Yesterday, they contacted Scotland Yard through Interpol, asking for any information British police may have on the four victims.

The Italian authorities will also request British medical records of Signora Galassi to check if she recently underwent surgery – it is thought the holes in her skull were made by nails or a syringe. If not, the suspicion is that she was tortured, probably to persuade her three friends to give information.

It is not known, though, what the killers were after.

The police, who had shied from linking the Mafia to the attack, now concede that the murders bear the hallmark of organized crime: the raid was too professional (only five shots were needed to kill the four at the Villa Don Luigi) for a typical robbery.

Signorina Suzi Pagliarani, aged 25, daughter of the restaurateur, who is being interviewed by the investigating magistrate, said: "They didn't keep any big money in the safe and mum didn't take jewellery".

A reconstruction of Monday evening was yesterday staged at the isolated villa. It is a large bungalow, in the green foothills behind Rimini, with panoramic views of the Adriatic.

At 8pm the four friends gathered to eat. Signor Galassi, on pills because of a heart complaint, was sweating badly. He took off his shirt and lay on the couch while the others talked.

At 9.30, Signor Pagliarani telephoned a friend for the name of a plumber because the lavatory was blocked.

By 10pm, the group was expecting other visitors, apparently friends or acquaintances. They switched on the porch light. By midnight the four had been shot dead and a bedroom ransacked.

Police believe the killings were spread out, to persuade the others to talk. Only one pistol was used.

The investigating magistrate, Dr Roberto Sapio, is convinced the key to the crime is in London. In Rimini there are virtually no witnesses – one neighbour claims to have heard muffled screams, another claims to have heard a fast car.

Dr Sapio's questioning of Signor Pagliarani's children, Suzi and Paul, aged 24, centres on three points: was Signor Pagliarani disturbed in recent months? Did he have enemies in London? What other business interests did he have?

Telecom says its service is better

By Joe Joseph

British Telecom says it has improved sharply its service to 23 million customers.

Telecom's latest report on quality of service, published yesterday, says faults are being cleared more quickly, more new phones are installed on time, access to the operator and to directory inquiries have been speeded up and more public payphones work.

From next year, Telecom will start compensating subscribers whose telephones are not installed by an agreed time or not repaired quickly enough.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Oftel, the telecommunications industry watchdog, said that while he was pleased with the advances, he was still worried by some nagging black spots.

He said: "British Telecom still has some way to go before I can be fully satisfied with its quality of service. I shall be watching the figures on access to directory inquiries with particular care because large improvement is needed there.

"The numbers show very substantial progress compared with the middle of 1987 and they represent a level of performance as good as or better than any I have seen for BT on the evidence of past results."

Complaints to Oftel about Telecom's performance rose by 77 per cent last year, with more than a third of the 24,186 grievances involving disputed bills.

In its second performance report, Telecom says 90.2 per cent of faults are being cleared within two working days compared with 73.9 per cent a year ago, while 60 per cent of new business orders are completed within six days and 62.2 per cent of residential orders within eight days, compared with 28.4 per cent and 18 per cent, respectively, a year ago.

Some 86.7 per cent of calls to the operator are being answered within 15 seconds, compared with 83.5 per cent last year, as are 81.2 per cent of calls to directory inquiries, up 4.2 percentage points. Today 92 per cent of public payphones work; only 76 per cent did last October.

£3,000 an hour to put prince on cue

By Alan Hamilton

The lure of snooker has gripped the world's richest family. The Sultan of Brunei, whose personal fortune is conservatively estimated at £14 billion, has hired two of the world's leading players to coach his teenage son, Prince Mohamed, in conditions of the utmost secrecy.

Prince Mohamed is being tutored in the finer arts of the green baize by Dennis Taylor, the Irish former world champion, and Cliff Thorburn, the Canadian former world champion. The latter was yesterday fined £10,000 and banned from the first two ranking tournaments next season after the sport's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, found him guilty of bringing the game into disrepute by failing a drugs test.

Thorburn was giving the prince a lesson when the decision was announced but friends said he had learned of the outcome the previous day.

A spokesman for the Barry Hearn agency, of Romford, Essex, which manages several of the game's leading players, confirmed yesterday that Taylor and Thorburn had been hired by the Sultan, but declined to comment further on the ground that "it might prejudice our contract".

The Sultan is being charged £3,000 an hour for each of the players' services. Their agent's spokesman said that the fees were not unusual. "If you want Steve Davis (the current world champion) to open a new store, he will cost you £5,000 an hour."

As Prince Mohamed practises his strokes he is being recorded on video as a further aid to developing his skills. Mr Kyrle Simond, chairman of Wadlow Grosvenor, the video company hired to make the films, declined to discuss the matter yesterday except to confirm that his company "had been shooting at the Dorchester".

The prince's lessons are understood to be taking place in a private room with a specially installed snooker-table at the hotel.

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Seat-back mini TVs for jets

British Airways plans to follow an American airline in installing tiny television screens in the backs of seats.

Passengers on Northwest Airline's Detroit to Tokyo route will be the first to use the six-channel three-inch video screens next month. The airline is installing them in 116 executive class seats in a Boeing 747. Passengers can watch feature films, news, sport and music videos and programmes in Japanese.

British Airways plans to test the system, made by a new American company, Airvision, later this year. BA also plans to test another mini-video system which will be placed in the arm-rests of club class seats.

Hoaxer's bill

A youth identified by his "voice print" after making a hoax 999 fire call has been sent a £163 bill by Cleveland fire brigade. Paul Hugill, aged 17, of Durnford Road, Middlesbrough, was yesterday remanded on bail by Teesside magistrates for social reports after admitting making the call from a friend's house.

Maxwell wins

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, won undisclosed damages from the *Oxford Journal* in the High Court yesterday in settlement of a libel action over an article about his former chauffeur. The *Journal* has since changed hands.

Peace move

British Nuclear Fuels has agreed to a Greenpeace request to halt a legal action over interference last year with a low-level discharge pipe at the Sellafield plant in Cumbria. Greenpeace will pay £80,000 damages and costs.

Radar closure

A radar station at Warden Point on the Isle of Sheppey, Kent, which tracked ships up to the Blackwall tunnel, east London, has been closed after heavy seas and rain caused clifftop landslips which threaten to pitch it into the sea.

Neapolitan flavour for the Edinburgh Festival

By Kerry Gill

The Edinburgh International Festival this year will be the longest in its 42-year history in spite of continual financial constraints, Mr Frank Dunlop, the festival director, said yesterday.

Announcing details of the festival programme in the Italian Consulate in Edinburgh, Mr Dunlop said the festival's central theme would focus on Italy and Naples in particular.

The cost of staging the festival will be £2.75 million, excluding financial support from foreign governments of which Italy has contributed almost £200,000.

Mr Dunlop said Edinburgh would remain one of the cheapest festivals in the world. He defended what was referred to as the "annual hullabaloo" over funding, saying that organizers were forced to continually scream for cash in case, one day, the necessary money was not available.

Mr Dunlop said: "We had to run round asking foreign governments to help us out. One day they are not going to do so."

A few months ago, the festival was facing a deficit of more than £150,000. Aid from abroad, a newspaper fund-raising campaign and hundreds of donations from individuals had saved it.

There will be a chance to see two Neapolitan productions for the first time in Britain: *Miseria e Nobilta*, a classic farce by Eduardo Scarpetta, and *Peppe e Barra*, which stars a mother and son who present fast-moving sketches displaying Naples theatre at its most exquisitely vulgar.

Treasures from Pompei and Herculaneum, never before released from Italy, will be on show during the festival which runs from August 14 to September 5.

The festival's season of world theatre will feature the Ninagaw, a company from Japan, the Raam Teater from Antwerp in Belgium, and the Baxter Theatre of Cape Town who will, in Broadway-style, attack the policy of apartheid.

As well as Italian music, there will be five international orchestras playing in the Usher Hall. Among them will be the State Orchestra of the Soviet Union. For the first time all three Edinburgh cathedrals will have festival musical events.

The festival will mount the European première of the controversial opera *Nixon in China*, based on President Nixon's visit to Peking.

Many of the theatre productions, coming from Italy, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Germany, France, the United States, and South Africa, will be in a foreign language. Translation facilities will be available at most productions.

Mr Dunlop said the festival had to remain as cheap and all-embracing as possible. Seat prices would remain largely unchanged with only those at the top end of the market being slightly increased, by about 50p a seat.

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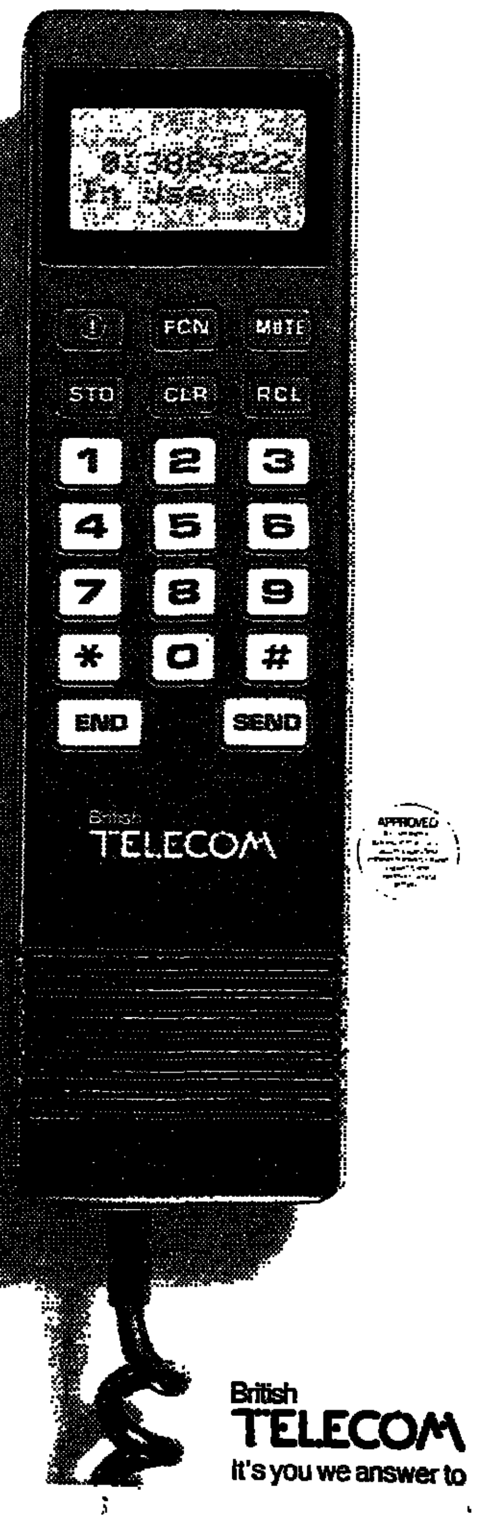

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Plea to build new country estates on fallow land

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The revival of the British country house could be initiated by allowing the building of estates on redundant agricultural land, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors suggested yesterday in a discussion paper.

That could provide a partial solution to the crisis of agricultural over-production, the institution says.

It is estimated that more than a million acres of agricultural land will become redundant over the next few years. The institution says the Government's proposal of leaving land fallow and paying farmers under the "set-aside" scheme is a negative approach and unacceptable economically, environmentally and socially.

Instead it proposes that between 50 and 100 acres should be taken out of an arable farm area. The farmer would be compensated and planning permission granted to build a country house with staff cottages, stables, barns, parkland, lakes, woods and drives.

Mr Simon Pott, senior vice-chairman of the land agency and agriculture division of the institution, says the proposal is not to have country houses built indiscriminately throughout the countryside.

He said: "The local planner working within a new framework laid down by government, can protect the countryside environment and utilize redundant land, while helping to reduce over-production of crops".

In its discussion paper, the institution says the country house tradition has given Britain a remarkable variety of splendid properties from Norman times into this century. But in the last 50 years there had been almost no addition to their number.

The dearth of new country houses in recent times was the result mainly of the constraints caused by the general economic climate and restrictive planning policies.

The effect on rural landscape and wildlife must be carefully considered in any plans for new country houses. But Mr Pott says that failure to deal with the problem of redundant agricultural land properly will result in an unplanned, unattractive landscape.

The institution says its "positive" approach to the problem would transfer wealth to rural areas, bringing new jobs and creating "oases" of wooded areas and parkland.

Songs of praise help the elderly

The Town Crier of London, Mr Peter Moore, launches an Ascension Day concert in aid of Help the Aged on the steps of St James's Church, Clerkenwell, central London yesterday. A fanfare was sounded by Mr John East (left), master of the St Etheldreda's Church choir, of Ely Place, central London, which sang at the concert. Proceeds went to the charity's appeal for fitting alarms and emergency two-way radio units in the homes of elderly people (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Paint 'errors' in Tube fire ticket hall

A "triple error" led to a builder's hoarding becoming a significant contributor to the King's Cross Underground fire, the inquiry into the the disaster was told yesterday.

The two paints used on the hoarding in the ticket hall were not acceptable for use on the Underground. Another product had been specified for the job, Mr Gary Duggan, an officer in the Underground scientific advisory service, told the inquiry.

The two paints should never have been used together. The combination of errors meant that at the time of the fire the hoarding "was both flammable and a high smoke producer".

Replying to Mr Ian Burnett, counsel to the inquiry, Mr Duggan said the code of practice for materials used on the Underground was not being followed. Tests on the remains of paint used on false ceiling panels in the ticket hall showed it was not fire retardant.

The ceiling "would have been totally unable to resist the effect of the fireball as it passed from the shaft to the ticket hall", Mr Duggan said. Melamine cladding on the ticket office would have produced large quantities of smoke.

The inquiry had earlier been told that the burning Melamine produced large quantities of cyanide, and that 17 of the 31 dead inhaled lethal quantities of cyanide.

The inquiry continues today.

Huge vote by Tories against devolution

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The pro-devolution lobby in the Scottish Conservative Party was obliterated yesterday after a passionate debate in which the authority of the leadership joined forces with the loyalist instincts of the party faithful to bury an issue that has emerged after 10 years in the shadows.

Representatives at the Perth conference of the Scottish Conservatives voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution ruling out a Scottish assembly.

Afterwards, Mr Michael Fry, an economist and a prime mover in the Tory campaign for a streamlined form of self-government, described the outcome as "very disappointing" and said that devolution was now a dead issue until it was revived by some new crisis triggered by a further drop in Tory support.

Mr Michael Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, commented that it was difficult to imagine a more devastating rebuff for internal critics of the Government's stance.

Lord MacKay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, warned representatives that a Scottish assembly might ultimately lead to the dissolution of the 1707 Act of Union with England.

Mr Allan Stewart, Conservative MP for Eastwood, and a former Scottish Office minister, gave a warning that devolution was a blind alley for the Conservative Party and a one-way street to the break up of the United Kingdom.

The devolutionists, handicapped by the absence of their leader, Mr Struan Stevenson, argued that the continuing decline in Tory fortunes in Scotland could be halted only by bowing to the wishes of its people and advocating some form of home rule.

Mr Brian Meek, Conservative group leader on Lothian Regional Council, argued that an assembly was the only way to turn the electoral tide.

He said: "I am deeply distressed by the current standing of the Conservative Party in Scotland. I am tired of the party losing elections. I am heartily sick of seeing this party in second or third place in Scotland."

Lord MacKay said: "Devolution will not bring to the public in Scotland any satisfying sense that they are closer to the exercise of political power than they are at the present time.

"The financial arrangements necessary as an accompaniment of devolution will provide a serious irritant in the union of the United Kingdom which will create a great strain on that union and may, if it is allowed to continue, ultimately lead to its dissolution."

Mr Rifkind later told reporters that Scottish Conservatives had rediscovered their sense of identity after years in the electoral wilderness.

After his address was given a rapturous reception at the conference, he said he detected a degree of self-confidence and determination among activists that had not been apparent for many years.

He said that last week's district council elections, in which the Scottish Tories lost 28 seats, were not the humiliation they had been portrayed.

In his speech, Mr Rifkind delighted his audience by emphasizing the unrivalled historic roots of Scottish Conservatism. He insisted that social changes were making Scotland a Conservative country.

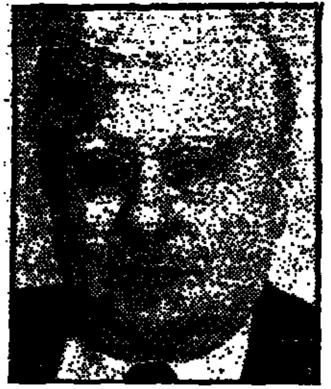
● A reorganization of local government is under consideration in Scotland, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, signalled a national debate on the issue as he responded to demands for the introduction of a single-tier system in place of the existing nine regional councils and 53 district councils.

Speculation that the Prime Minister will attend tomorrow's Scottish Cup final at Hampden Park was rife last night.

The match between Celtic and Dundee United, both of whom have large Roman Catholic followings, has wider overtones in view of the upsurge in IRA violence and the Government's latest setback at the polls in Scotland.

Her presence at Hampden Park would pose problems for her security advisers.



Geoffrey Smith

On the evidence of Perth the Scottish Conservatives know what they want. They want no devolution and more Thatcherism. What they do not know is how to make their wishes acceptable to the Scottish electorate.

The party did catastrophically in the general election, and no better in this month's district elections. For whatever reason, the Conservatives are out of tune with the Scottish people.

But they made it abundantly clear at this conference yesterday that they do not believe devolution to be the answer. The principle was rejected overwhelmingly. I had expected the party leadership to win on this issue by a comfortable margin, but I had thought that the supporters of devolution would muster more than a derisory handful of votes.

This outcome can no doubt be attributed partly to customary Conservative loyalty. What the leadership does not want, the faithful will not press for. But such a conclusive result shows that the Conservatives do not consider devolution to be a significant issue in Scottish politics today.

I believe that they are right. The atmosphere north of the border now can not be compared with the 1970s when devolution really was at the centre of public debate.

The Tory road to recovery

But if that is not to be the Tory road to recovery in Scotland, can the party succeed through larger doses of Thatcherism? It is not what the Scots seem to be crying out for. But Mr Malcolm Rifkind made a powerful case, in a speech of much eloquence as Secretary of State, that the basic tenets of Thatcherism accord with traditional Scottish thinking.

The Thatcherite emphasis on enterprise, thrift, self-help and a more classless approach to politics ought in theory to appeal to the Scots. Then why has it not?

One reason is that the party is considered to lack a Scottish identity. It just does not seem as Scottish as the others. That is hard to do when the Government is dominated by a Prime Minister who sounds aggressively English to Scottish ears. Mr Rifkind responded to the charge yesterday with considerable rhetorical skill, but he did not dispose of it.

Another reason why it is difficult to project Thatcherism in Scotland is that so many members of the Scottish middle-classes depend for their living on public authorities or agencies of one kind or another. Thatcherism for them represents not opportunity but contracting resources.

Scotland is not doing badly

The Conservatives therefore need the expansion of private enterprise and a more entrepreneurial spirit. These in turn would require the steady continuation of prosperity. Scotland is not doing badly, but it does not yet believe that it is doing well.

This means that the Conservatives probably face at best a long haul in Scotland. It will be a longer haul still if they do not campaign for their cause with the zeal of conviction politicians.

There was more confidence and conviction than I had expected in the conference hall yesterday. This is a party with the advantage of appearing to know what it is fighting for. But the confidence is not untinged with self-righteousness and perhaps, extraordinary though it may seem, a touch of complacency.

From what I hear, there have been improvements in organization at the centre in Scotland, but not as yet at local level. In too many cases seats were simply not contested in the local elections. You may have the policies of Solomon, and the rhetoric of Cicero, but if you do not put up candidates you do not win elections.

If the Conservatives are to become a force again in Scotland, they will have to change public attitudes north of the border as Mrs Thatcher has done in England — or, to be more precise, in the South and the Midlands.

The task will not be accomplished swiftly, or without political risks. Without a more vigorous effort than is now evident on the ground it will not be accomplished at all.

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Museums advisers seek £22m to halt cuts and closures

By Simon Tait

A proposal by the Minister for the Arts that museums and galleries should sell off parts of their collections to raise funds has been firmly rejected in the first report for more than half a century on the country's national institutions.

Government funding also comes in for heavy criticism in the report by the Museums and Galleries Commission (MGC), the statutory advisers, which says that an additional 25p per head of population would solve many of the problems.

The National Museums and Galleries of the United Kingdom, published yesterday, criticizes the consistent gap between funding and running costs, and in launching the report Professor Brian Morris, chairman of the commission, called for an immediate increase of 12 per cent.

"Total government funding for next year is £178 million", he said. "If it was £200 million it would go almost all the way to solving the immediate problems of the national museums and galleries".

The report, based on a year-long study of 19 museums and galleries, says: "The effects are lamentably to be seen in closed galleries, reduced security, curtailed opening hours or days, backlogs of work, less ability to help with schools, inefficient use of staff time and less good service to the public."

The commissioners, who include Lord Rees, the former Treasury Secretary, Dame Margaret Weston, former director of the Science Museum, Mr Lawrence Brandes, former head of the Office of Arts and Libraries, and Sir Hugh Leggatt, the art dealer who has consistently opposed the disposal of national collections, urge the Government not to force institutions such as the National Gallery to sell objects, as Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, proposes.

"Disposal should not be forced on them directly by the Government urging them to 'manage' their collection, or indirectly by its failure to provide the basic funding the museum needs."

In March a National Audit Office report to the public accounts committee highlighted the plight of collections kept in inadequate storage. It called for urgent action and suggested disposal of some items as an option.

The commissioners' report says national museums have a duty to augment their collections rather than reduce them and some, such as the Victoria and Albert, have a statutory duty to add objects.

Sir Denis Mahon, owner of the world's largest collection of seventeenth century Italian master paintings, who has hinted that he may rescind his intended bequest of 15 works to the National Gallery if it is given disposal powers, said: "I welcome the firm line the Commission has taken. Disposals are, as they say, neither necessary nor appropriate."

The National Museums and Galleries of the United Kingdom (Stationery Office; £5.95).

Tax deal on Gainsborough

Bath gains £1.8m portrait

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The city of Bath has acquired a dashing painting worth £1.8 million by Thomas Gainsborough, partly in lieu of estate duties.

It is the first time an important work has been secured through a combination of a tax arrangement, and a payment by a public body.

The full-length portrait is of Captain William Wade, Master of Ceremonies at Bath from 1769 to 1777, sporting a scarlet coat and gold tissue waistcoat.

The city of Bath paid £216,556 while £648,444 was set against estate duties after the anonymous vendor approached Christie's.

The painting will be on show at the Victoria Art Gallery in Bath from May 21 this year until 1991, when the Bath Assembly Rooms reopen after restoration.

Christie's established nine record prices for Impressionist paintings on Wednesday evening in New York, equalling Sotheby's strong precedent of the previous day.

"The Conversation", a delicate pastel by the American Impressionist, Mary Cassatt, set the first record of $4.4 million (£2.3 million) for the artist, selling to a private collector for three times its estimate.

Other record breaking artists included the Fauve painter, Maurice de Vlaminck, whose red-coloured "Le Pont de Chatou" fetched double its estimate, selling privately, and Alberto Giacometti, whose "Les Trois hommes qui marchent" – a sculpture of three stick men – fetched £2 million.

There were also records for Dufy (£543,000), Leger (£1.2 million), Tanguy (£294,000) and Germaine Richier (£89,535).

The painting whose price spoke the loudest was an oil sketch by Toulouse-Lautrec of Jane Avril, the famous solo dancer at the Moulin Rouge.

It appeared at auction in Paris just over a year ago when the Ader Picard Tajan company sold it for $855,820 (FF 5.2 million). This week Christie's sold it for $1.5 million, hammer price.

Yesterday Sotheby's announced it is to sell a "masterpiece of pure Impressionism" by Claude Monet in London on June 28. Painted in 1876, a vintage year for Monet, and called "Dans la Prairie", it shows the artist's wife, Camille, lying in a meadow.

Sotheby's says it is the best work by the artist to come on the market for more than 20 years and has estimated it at £6 million.

Dames share Australia's stage

By David Cross

Two of Australia's best known Dames join forces at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, on Sunday in a special concert to mark their country's bicentennial.

Dame Joan Sutherland (right) broke off from rehearsals at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden where she is to play the title role of Anne Boleyn in Donizetti's opera, *Anna Bolena*, to exercise her voice alongside the less dulcet superstar, Dame Edna Everage.

Dame Joan will sing a scene from *Norma* by Bellini and take part alongside other soloists in Donizetti's Sextet from *Lucia di Lammermoor*. The orchestra for the two works will be conducted by her husband, Richard Bonynge, who will also conduct *Anna Bolena* when it opens on May 30.

Dame Edna (Barry Humphries) who is appearing in her own show *Back with a Vengeance!* at the Strand Theatre, will have the less vocally demanding task of narrating Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The bicentennial programme will also include a revised version of Mozart's *First Horn Concerto* by Barry Tuckwell.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Weekend food prices

Excellent choice of home-caught fish

The choice of fish from home waters is excellent with cod about £1.70 for cutlets and £2.00 a pound for fillets.

Pin hake is about £1.20 a lb, superb quality lemon sole is about £2.50 a lb and south coast plaice is abundant at £2.50 a lb for fillets and £1.30 a lb for the whole fish.

Turbot cutlets are about £5.90 a lb and chicken turbot is about £4 a lb. Huss and brill are £2 and £2.50 a lb respectively.

There is a shortage of Norwegian farm salmon but Scottish farm salmon remains stable at £4.70 a lb for cutlets and £2.70 a lb for whole fish.

Although some joints of beef are dearer this week, steak is slightly cheaper. The average price of topside and silverside is £2.33 a lb and rib joints £1.63 a lb.

Boneless brisket is a good buy at about £1.68 a lb. If buying mince, there is a choice of ground steak at about £1.80 a lb, extra lean mince about £1.62 a lb, and regular mince about 99p a lb.

Home produced lamb leg costs between £1.60 and £2.50 a lb. Chump chops may be on special offer,

Most shops have pork on special offer.

A selection of promotional offers for this week are: Tesco, rump steak £2.49 a lb, New Zealand lamb shoulder 74p a lb; Presto, pork supremes (boneless) £1.78 a lb, fresh chicken up to 3½lb, 69p a pound; Sainsburys, whole shoulder of home produced lamb £1.28 a lb (down 40p a lb), English pork leg quarter cut 98p a lb; Safeway, fresh chickens 2¼ to 3½lb, 69p a lb, fresh boneless pork chops £1.78 a lb; Asda, sirloin steak £2.89 a lb, pork shoulder 69p a lb and fresh chickens 69p a lb; Dewhurst, boneless pork steaks £1.79 a lb, whole leg of pork 89p a lb, ground beef £1.69 a lb.

Make the most of the superb choice of new season's apples from Australia, New Zealand and the Cape because if the EEC has its way with import restrictions they may not be available much longer. Apple prices range from 30-60p a lb.

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Bingo case woman in rosary outburst

A woman accused in connection with a newspaper bingo fraud clutched her rosary beads and protested her innocence to a court yesterday.

Mrs Margaret Warde, aged 75, was asked if a man who worked where the bingo cards were printed had given winning cards to her. She said: "No. If God strikes me dead now – and I have got my rosary beads in my hand."

Mrs Warde, of Eccles, near Manchester, won £10,000. She and two other women deny conspiracy to defraud *The Sun* and the *News of the World*. One of them won £1 million.

Mrs Warde told Preston Crown Court, Lancashire: "I told them (the police) I did not tell lies because I am a good Catholic. I told them I didn't think it was funny that three of my family had won."

The bingo cards were found in a caravan by her late husband, she said. The prosecution says she and others were given winning cards by Mr John Sagar, a printer, of Burnley, Lancashire.

Mrs Phyllis Hanlon, aged 74, of Bispham, Blackpool, won the £1 million prize in an eliminator competition.

Yesterday she told the jury her reaction when she unlocked a drum at a reception in London and found it contained the £1 million cheque. "I was dazed. My legs were like jelly", Mrs Hanlon said.

She qualified for the eliminator after winning £13,000 in the newspaper bingo game. She had been asked to claim on the winning card by Mr Sagar and another man, Mr John Marshall,

She shared the £13,000, but told them the £1 million prize was hers alone, although she gave them "a couple of thousand between them".

Asked if she would have gone to London for the draw if she thought the card was stolen, Mrs Hanlon said: "You must be joking."

The third woman to deny conspiracy, Mrs Mary Young, of The Dog and Doublet in Sandon, Staffordshire, is Mrs Warde's daughter-in-law and former landlady of a public house next door to the print works in Burnley.

Mr Sagar and three other people have admitted charges in connection with the alleged fraud.

The trial continues today.

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

At an average first division match, there are thirty thousand supporters and just one hundred and fifty police. How does a young copper cope; outnumbered two hundred to one?

Photographs by Don McCullin

YOU'RE 23 years old. You're a copper on football duty at a West Ham/QPR match. You're in the stands at the "South Bank" end. To your left, behind a wall of wire mesh, the West Ham fans; to your right, the QPR supporters. After a while, you notice that many of the fans aren't watching the game at all. They're watching the other team's fans. When they're not watching you, that is.

If the fans on either side charge as a mob, the fence won't stop them. You have six fellow officers no more than 15 yards away and a personal radio buzzing in your ear. West Ham score. One half of the crowd erupts. The roar's deafening. At the other end, silence.

Crowd swells. The goal's disallowed. Uproar. The slanging match begins. The "blind" referee is no longer the subject of abuse, it's the rival fans. Objects fly overhead. A colleague steps in to escort a drunken troublemaker out. Two more officers step in to help. They carry him, kicking and punching, out of the ground.

Above: The Met's high-tech "Hoolivan" crowd control mobile unit.

Right: The "South Bank" show: The crowd at Upton Park.

Now, instead of six officers around you, there are just three. A scuffle breaks out behind you. Two kids, aged no more than 15, are at each other's throats. One suddenly produces a Stanley knife he's smuggled through the turn-stiles.

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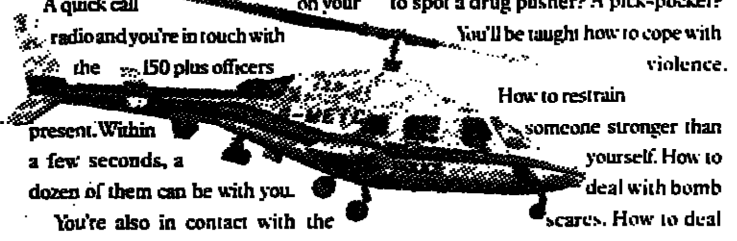

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"A kid aged 15 suddenly produces a Stanley knife"

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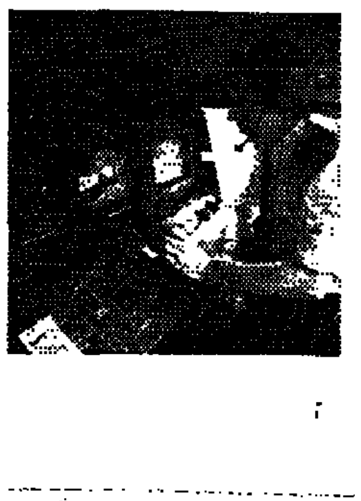

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Noriega denies American deal

Washington – General Manuel Noriega, the Panamanian dictator, emphatically denied yesterday that a deal was in the making for him to leave the country in return for the United States dropping drug indictments against him (Christopher Thomas writes).

American officials said a deal was being negotiated under which he would leave the country on August 12, the sixth anniversary of his becoming Panama's military chief, and would not return until after the next presidential elections in 1990. Senior officials have been in Panama for several weeks trying to negotiate his departure. Initially the US insisted that he would have to leave the country for good. Then it said he could stay. Now it seems to be saying he can remain so long as he leaves for a while. The White House said merely that talks with General Noriega were continuing.

Solidarity men held

Warsaw – Two members of Solidarity's farming union were detained by police yesterday, according to the banned union's leader, Mr Tadeusz Nawrocki (Richard Bassett writes). The detentions occurred as the two activists were attempting to attend a special service at Warsaw Cathedral commemorating the seventh anniversary of the farming union's establishment. In Gdansk, no reprisals by police were reported against any of the several hundred strikers who had brought the Lenin Shipyard to a halt for eight days. A truce is expected for several months.

Yemen bomb arrests

Sanaa (Reuter) – North Yemeni security forces have detained several suspects after a rocket attack on the American embassy in Sanaa, embassy sources said yesterday. The North Yemen Government has made no comment on Wednesday's attack.

The sources said that a rocket-propelled grenade hit the ambassador's unoccupied office during the night, causing no casualties at the building, 150 yards from the Soviet embassy in central Sanaa. In Washington, the State Department said no group had claimed responsibility.

Nuclear plant closes

New York – After a decade of controversy, the state is to close a $5.3 billion (£2.8 billion) nuclear power station on Long Island, the first time that a completed plant has been scrapped before it began operating (Charles Bremner writes). Under an agreement in principle, the Long Island Lighting Company will hand over control of the Shoreham plant for $1 to the state, which will shut it down. The company is to receive a $2.5 billion reduction in local taxes. The plant never opened because of local fears that Long Island could not be evacuated safely in the event of an accident.

Senegal plea for calm

Paris – The Senegal opposition leader, Mr Abdoulaye Wade, called for calm yesterday after the State Security Court in Dakar had given him a one-year suspended sentence for his part in causing violence after presidential elections in February (Susan MacDonald writes).

Tension had been mounting since Mr Wade was arrested before the official election results, giving President Diouf 74 per cent of the vote and Mr Wade 26 per cent, were announced. During his trial young people demonstrated in the streets and last week two car bombs went off.

Harare lions warning

Harare – A pride of lions has been sighted only 40 miles north of here, the nearest to the densely populated Zimbabwean capital that wild lions have come in 20 years (Michael Hartnack writes). Police have issued a general warning against travelling on foot or by bicycle at night

Shamir goes walkabout in the casbah

From Ian Murray
Hebron
occupied West Bank

Flanked by four generals, cheered by settlers and watched over nervously by troops on the rooftops, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, toured the pungent alleyways of the casbah (market) here yesterday on a peace-seeking mission meant to show that the violence in the occupied territories over the past five months is at last on the wane.

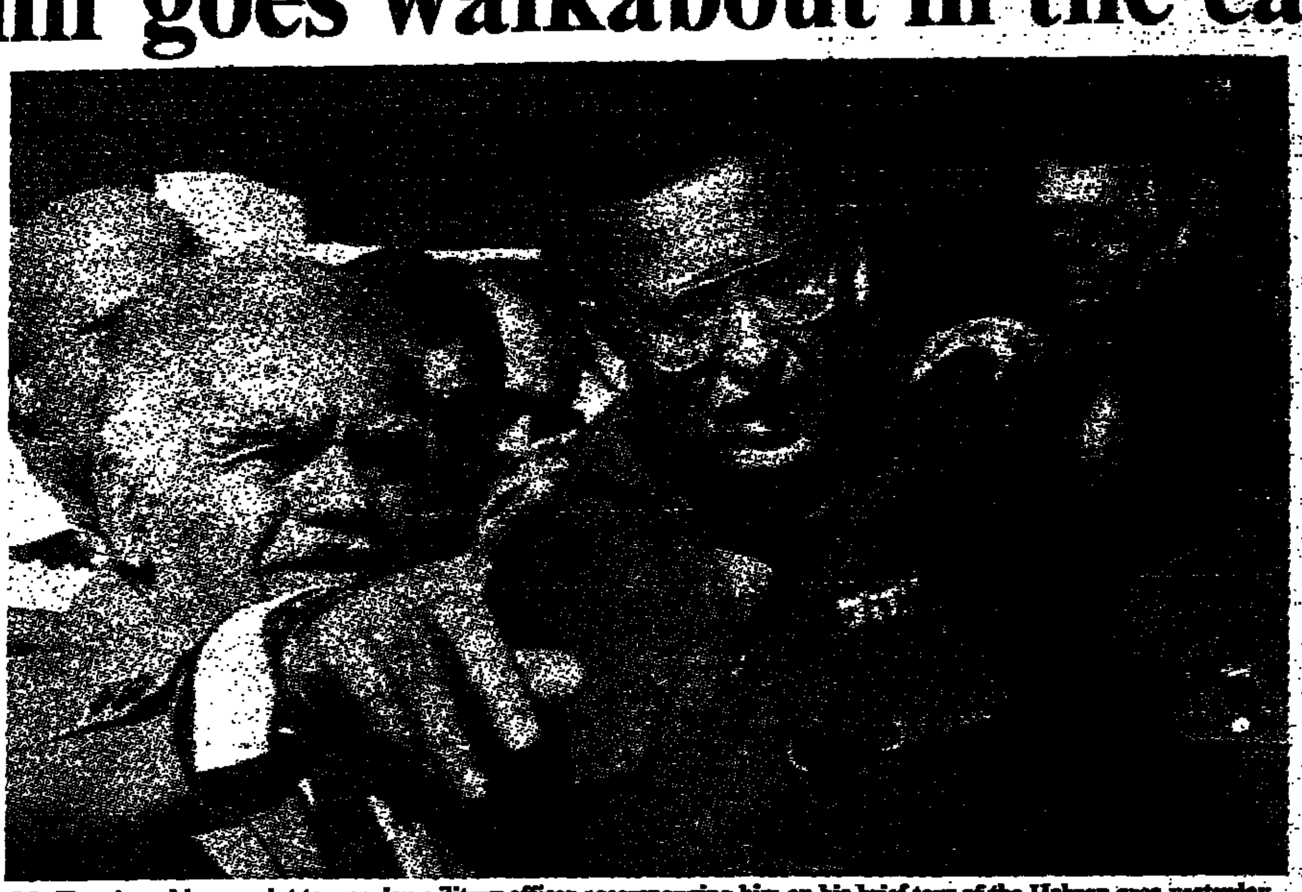
The small Jewish community who were eagerly awaiting the Prime Minister's visit gave him a tumultuous welcome. The Arab population, which for security reasons had not been advised in advance, was weary and restrained.

To the consternation of his bodyguards, Mr Shamir went walkabout, apparently anxious to show how democracy worked and eager to shake the hands even of Palestinians, who have no vote.

His cavalcade arrived at the centre of town and stopped by a petrol station. In a twinkling he was out and shaking the amazed Arab owner's hand, asking about business. Then it was down the hill to where a Yeshivah (bible college) has been set up behind barbed wire in an old building. The young students, some with guns slung over their backs, linked arms and danced and clapped as they sang.

Mr Shamir went in to wish them well at their studies and then rushed on to the casbah.

The elderly owner of a spice and dried bean shop flicked back his black and white keffiyeh (headscarf) and stared in obvious horror as he saw the four generals, a beaming Mr Shamir and a pack of settlers, soldiers and television cameras advancing towards him. He turned to flee into the depths of his shop but Mr Shamir caught him, shook his hand and followed him into the heavily-scented interior.



Mr Shamir making a point to a senior military officer accompanying him on his brief tour of the Hebron area yesterday.

Mr Shamir explained that he came in peace and that when the violence ended there would be peace negotiated between Arab and Jew.

A young man in the shop interrupted. We do not want your peace, he said. We want Jerusalem and the al-Aqsa mosque. This is an Islamic country and we want Tel Aviv as well. "Get out," he said.

A general seized the young man by the scruff of the neck and threw him into the street. Mr Shamir, still beaming, rushed out and down the narrow lanes where Jewish settlers have been stabbed and stoned so often in the past that they only go there in armed groups these days.

Many of the shops were shut, but enough were open to give a feeling that normal life was returning. Mr Shamir paused briefly to talk to one or two shopkeepers, shaking hands with them and charging on to the great Herodian shrine which shelters the tomb of Abraham and his wife and which is venerated by Jew and Arab alike. The Prime Minister did not worship at the shrine, however, but called instead to see a class of young officer cadets who wanted to ask him questions.

One asked if the Army was not provoking violence by its presence. "It was the violence which brought the Army, not the Army which brought the violence," Mr Shamir told him.

Should the press be kept out because it incited trouble? "The press is one of the elements of democracy," Mr Shamir said. "We don't prevent them from doing their duty." Were Jewish settlers not causing some of the trouble? "The problem is not the settlers. Arab extremists caused the terror. When the Army restores order and the incitement stops, that will open the road to peace."

On the steps of the shrine Mr Shamir said: "I have the impression that more and more people in this area see that violence is not the way to do anything positive. More and more they understand that if they restore order peace will come sooner."

A middle-aged Arab businessman, Mr Abdel Tufi, accosted Mr Shamir. "This is a holy place and we thank you for coming here and for wanting peace," he said. "Yesterday your soldiers hit all the boys here. Thank you for wanting peace."

"Peace," said Mr Shamir happily. "We both want peace."

He continued his tour by helicopter to see two nearby Jewish settlements.

At Beit Haggay he was welcomed by flag-waving, singing three and four-year-olds, some of the 50 children of the 25 families in this new settlement. They live in temporary homes on a hilltop waiting for the Arab workmen to finish their new houses on a plateau below.

In the makeshift synagogue he was welcomed and harangued by leaders of the settlement. They needed more money, better roads, proper water and electricity supplies, they said.

Mr Uri Ariel, secretary of the settler's movement, asked him to close Arab universities permanently and to deport more people, including Mr Hanna Siniora, the outspoken Palestinian editor of an East Jerusalem newspaper.

A large map of the area was pinned to the wall and Mr Shamir was shown the ring of blue circles marking established settlements and the yellow and green circles marking sites of planned settlements which would surround the Arab town of Hebron.

The Arab uprising, which began last December, has been a boon to the settler's movement, the families agreed. They believe it will persuade more people to vote for Mr Shamir.

If he is elected to head a right-wing government later this year they are sure he will find the money they need.

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Syria and Iran impose an uneasy truce on Beirut Shias

Beirut (Reuter) – Syrian and Iranian observer teams enforced a shaky truce in south Beirut yesterday as Shia Muslim rivals held fast to their fortified positions.

Sporadic machine-gun and rocket fire rang out across battered streets and fighters of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) and pro-Syrian Amal faction watched warily from dugouts. A Syrian captain at an Amal post in the Ghobeiri area said: "We have imposed the ceasefire. Some militiamen are still tense, but we will also work to withdraw them from the streets later in the afternoon."

But residents of the area were sceptical. "Damn their ceasefires. Why do they lie to us?" screamed a distraught woman after a neighbour collapsed nearby in a pool of blood, hit by a sniper bullet. "She left her house to buy food for her children," the woman said, herself dashing for cover as Amal militiamen sealed off the road and fanned through the area.

The observer teams led Amal and Hezbollah officials on a tour of the flashpoints to enforce the truce agreed in a phone call on Wednesday between President Assad of Syria and President Khamenei of Iran.

Witnesses said that by late afternoon rival militiamen had not withdrawn but were setting up more checkpoints. They said that the fighters moved indoors when the observer teams approached but later returned to the streets.

The truce agreement called for the militias to exchange prisoners and pull fighters off the streets in the Shia southern suburbs, where some of the 22 foreigners missing in Lebanon are believed to be held. Amal and Hezbollah officials said that both militias were committed to the ceasefire, the fifth since battles flared last Friday. In the past week 154 people have been killed and 550 wounded.

Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual mentor of Hezbollah, said: "The levels from which the proposed solutions were despatched are a great step forward and mean a chance to end the war."

Asked whether the lives of foreign hostages had been in danger during the fighting, Sheikh Fadlallah said: "I don't have information on the whereabouts of the hostages."

Under the truce, Hezbollah would return captured positions to Amal. Its guerrillas gained the upper hand in the fighting and its men appeared on most street corners.

Hezbollah now holds large areas to the south of the "green line", where west Beirut's Muslims face Christians in the east.

Analysts said that Amal was fighting to keep Hezbollah out of any power-sharing in a government expected to be formed after Lebanon's presidential election in August.

● LONDON: Britain asked France yesterday for permission to conduct direct interviews with the three French hostages released from Lebanon last week to establish what they know about the fate of the British hostages, Mr Terry Waite and Mr John McCarthy (Nicholas Beeston writes). A Foreign Office spokesman said that transcripts of preliminary debriefings with M Jean-Paul Kauffmann, M Marcel Carton and M Marcel Fontaine had already been relayed to Whitehall, but he added: "We want to have direct access to them. They may well be able to provide useful information."

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Delhi ultimatum as two more die in Sikh temple clashes

Amritsar (Reuter) — The Indian Government warned Sikh separatists yesterday to surrender or face further fighting from police and commandos who have besieged them in the Golden Temple here since Monday.

"We have to clear the Golden Temple of these anti-national terrorists and the Government is determined to do that," said the Punjab Governor, Mr Siddhartha Shankar Ray.

"There is no question of negotiating with people holding guns," he said in Chandigarh, the capital of the Sikh-majority northern state.

About 100 gunmen are barricaded in the vast temple complex — the holiest Sikh shrine — surrounded by 3,000 paramilitary police and elite "Black Cat" commandos.

They fought a fierce gun battle yesterday afternoon in which two or possibly three people were killed, police said.

Police had earlier arrested four of the five Sikh high priests to prevent them from entering the temple.

Mr Ray, who has ruled the state directly for New Delhi for one year, said the security forces would not be withdrawn.

"They (the gunmen) have to surrender .... otherwise we will carry on our pressure," he said in a statement. Mr Ray did not say how the Government would clear the temple.

The Indian Army stormed the temple in June, 1984, to flush out extremists who had fortified it. That assault, which left 1,000 people dead, angered many Sikhs and boosted the extremists' campaign for an independent Sikh homeland in Punjab.

Nearly 900 people have been killed in separatist violence so far this year in the state, compared with 1,230 in the whole of 1987.

Police prevented reporters from reaching the temple yesterday although they lifted much of the curfew which was imposed on the city on Monday. The curfew was still in force in a 200-yard radius around the temple complex.

Mr Ray made his statement after meeting the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

The Punjab police chief, Mr K. P. S. Gill, said two or possibly three people were killed in yesterday's gun battle, taking the toll since Monday to at least 14.

The senior head priest at the temple, Mr Jasbir Singh Rode, aged 33, and three other high priests and 25 followers who insisted on going to the shrine were arrested for breaching the curfew.

Police said they arrested Mr Rode only because he was set on entering the temple in spite of the danger.

"We have saved him," one senior police officer told reporters, adding that any injury to Mr Rode would have been a profound embarrassment to the police.

"If somebody had taken a pot shot at him, people would have blamed us," he said.

Mr Gill said police captured a water tower which gave a good line of fire into the the heart of the temple.

"Whenever we are fired upon we fire back at them and we fire effectiveley," he told reporters.

To help the paramilitary police, the Government has deployed National Security Guard commandos with sniper rifles and night-scopes on roofs overlooking the complex. The commandos guard Mr Gandhi.

The fighting has left the complex without its constant chanting of prayers and readings from Sikh scriptures.

"I am ready to make whatever sacrifice is necessary, but we must reach the temple and have the rituals started again," Mr Rode told police.

Police sources said Mr Rode had been talking to them for two days about persuading the militants to stop fighting.

Mr Rode is in a delicate position: he was released in April after being held in detention for two years by the Delhi Government, which regards him as the most reasonable of the militants.

Paraguay angers Vatican

Sucre, Bolivia (AFP) — The Vatican reacted with shock yesterday to the Paraguayan Government's suspension of scheduled talks between the Pope and opposition leaders for security reasons.

In a communiqué distributed on the Pope's arrival in this Bolivian city, 300 miles south-east of La Paz, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro Vals said: "For now, I must clearly express shock over a decision without precedent in the exercise of the Holy Father's pastoral missions."

The Pope's travelling schedule has never before been altered by a foreign government. He is now in Bolivia as part of a planned four-country Latin American tour.

On May 17 — the second day of a three-day visit to Paraguay — he was to meet with various civic leaders in Asunción, including some of the opposition to President Stroessner.

The Government's decision to suspend the meeting was announced on Wednesday in the official newspaper *Patria* (Fatherland).

The Paraguayan church organizers of Pope's schedule reacted by saying they would hold the meeting anyway, at somewhere other than at the Government's National Sports Council building. All papal visits are organized in advance by a country's government and its episcopal conference, so this last-minute decision was especially surprising.

Señor Carlos Ortiz, the Education and Culture Minister, claimed that his Goverment feared that the Pope was indanger of suffering violence at the hands of the opposition.

● **LIMA:** Suspected rebels bombed a Peru police bus yesterday, seriously wounding seven officers, while armed guerrillas briefly seized the Lima seminary where the Pope will speak this weekend, police said.

Spy world praises Philby

By Michael Evans in London and Christopher Morris in Sydney

Former British intelligence agents who suspected that Kim Philby was a traitor before he defected to the Soviet Union still talked of him warmly yesterday following the official announcement by Tass of his death in Moscow.

One former member of MI6 said that the master spy had won so many friends in the service, despite his betrayal, that there were a number of people who could have tipped him off that he was about to be interrogated in his Beirut flat in 1963 and that London knew that he was a KGB agent.

Even Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer who wrote the book *Spycatcher* about his time with the security service, spoke out for him yesterday. He said from his farmhouse in Tasmania that Philby was "an outstanding man".

He added: "From the time he worked for MI6 in various roles, he was much admired by many people in both MI6 and MI5 and, right up to the time he defected, many of them would not believe that he could be a traitor.

"It was only when the evidence against him became damning that they believed him to be guilty."

Mr Wright, who is recovering from a recent illness, met Philby only once before he fled to Moscow.

He said :"It was not until the defection of Burgess and Maclean that I began to suspect him, and it was not until shortly beofe he defected that I knew his guilt could be proved."

Another former senior intelligence officer said that there was a great difference in people's minds between Philby and the other key traitor, George Blake, who is still alive and living in Moscow with a Soviet wife.

Blake is expected to go to Philby's funeral. "Blake did not have many friends," said the former intelligence officer. "He wasn't so well known as Philby."

Yesterday Mr George Young, a former deputy director-general of MI6, said that Philby had never been properly vetted.

Mr Young said on ITN's *News at One* that Philby knew "the skids were under him". He had been tipped off.

When an MI6 officer, Mr Nicholas Elliott, was sent out to Beirut to present him with the evidence against him, "he knew the game was up and preferred to get away rather than take the offer of immunity".

Asked how Philby had remained undetected for so long, Mr Young replied: "We keep asking ourselves that same question."

He said that he read the record in 1953, when he took over responsibility for counter-espionage in MI6, and was "horrified" to find that so many facts were on record but had not been brought up and challenged. Mr Young said that Philby was vetted by an officer called Colonel Vivien, who had never really investigated his background, particularly his first marriage to a "rabid Austrian communist girl". He said that Colonel Vivien was now dead.

One intelligence source said that it was only the intervention of Sir Dick White, who in his intelligence career was head of both MI5 and MI6, that finally nailed Philby.

Mr John Philby, the spy's son, leaving his Kentish Town, north London, home yesterday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Reagan's faint praise for Bush worries party

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Republican activists are baffled and worried by a surprisingly brief and lukewarm endorsement by President Reagan of the Vice-President, Mr George Bush, who is now assured of the Republican presidential nomination.

Mr Reagan, who had been expected to deliver a lengthy eulogy of the man who has been at his side for nearly eight years, said merely that he would work as hard as he could for his would-be successor.

He provided a resumé of Mr Bush's record career — a former member of Congress, Ambassador to China, Ambassador to the United Nations, director of the Central Intelligence Agency and national chairman of the Republican Party. To everyone's astonishment, he stepped back from the microphone, having finished his remarks.

Mr Reagan and Mr Bush, with their wives, then joined hands for a victory salute. The President moved back towards the microphone and, referring to the Republican national convention in the summer, said: "Now on to New Orleans and on to the White House."

There were no words of praise, no thanks for Mr Bush's loyalty, no declarations about his suitability to be president. For weeks Mr Bush's campaign aides have been pressing for a colourful coming-out by Mr Reagan, and seemed surprised by his low-key remarks.

But Mr Craig Fuller, the Vice-President's chief of staff, insisted that Mr Reagan and Mr Bush had "sat down together and planned the endorsement and they followed that plan and we are very pleased with the way things turned out". He suggested that Mr Reagan would speak about Mr Bush's qualities later in the campaign.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, insisted yesterday that the tone of Mr Reagan's remarks was just right. The President had written them himself and discussed them with Mr Bush.

Mr Reagan remains immensely popular in parts of the country, especially the critically important South, and his dominating presence is clearly troublesome to Mr Bush, who has not yet fully emerged from the President's shadow.

Because of the President's political troubles, Mr Bush's aides have decided that Mr Reagan should not directly campaign for him but should focus attention on the broad Republican agenda.

The much-awaited endorsement has been the subject of confusion for the past fortnight, with a string of conflicting stories about how and when it would be delivered. At one point it was said it would be made in the rose garden of the White House.

● **Defence spending:** The US House of Representatives has approved a $300 billion (£159 billion) defence Bill, including $3.5 billion for President Reagan's controversial Strategic Defence Initiative, for the fiscal year starting on October 1 (Mohsin Ali writes).

The 252-172 vote on Wednesday came as the Senate recommended $4.55 billion for the Star Wars research programme. President Reagan had asked for $4.9 billion. Congressional sources predicted a likely compromise of about $4 billion, a small increase over current spending.

The House also adopted arms control amendments, including provisions requiring the Administration, in effect, to adhere to the traditional interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, to observe the sub-limits on several classes of ballistic missiles contained in the unratified Salt 2, and to refrain from underground testing of nuclear devices larger than one kilotonne.

● **Aircraft sale:** The Reagan Administration is reported to be considering selling Kuwait the Navy's latest advanced aircraft, the F 18 fighter-bomber, which has been sold only to Canada, Australia and Spain (Mohsin Ali writes).

Mr Richard Murphy, the Assistant Secretary for Middle East Affairs, told a House of Representatives foreign affairs sub-committee that Kuwait had informed the Administration of its wish to buy the aircraft.

Waldheim's British honour

By Robert Fisk

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that Dr Kurt Waldheim holds an honorary knighthood from the Queen.

The award — bestowed during the Queen's state visit to Vienna in 1969, when Dr Waldheim was Austrian Foreign Minister — was never published because, according to a Foreign Office spokesman, "it is a long-standing convention that honorary awards are not published in the *London Gazette* nor anywhere else".

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday there were no plans for the honour — the Knight's Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George — to be taken from Dr Waldheim.

An official government inquiry is currently investigating allegations that the Austrian President was involved in the murder of British prisoners of war in Greece in 1944, when Dr Waldheim was a Wehrmacht intelligence officer. Although the British Government chose to make no mention of Dr Waldheim's 19-year-old honour when his wartime service in the Balkans was first revealed in 1986, the Foreign Office had prepared a briefing paper on how he came to be honoured in case journalists discovered the fact.

He received the award in a list of honours handed out by the Queen to Austrian officials after the Foreign Office had received a list of recommended recipients from the Austrian Government. No checks were made on Dr Waldheim's personal history or political background when he received the GCMG. At the time, all the world knew of his wartime service was that he had been wounded as a soldier on the Eastern front and had returned to Vienna to convalesce and complete his doctoral thesis at Vienna University. "It's the normal practice with state visits", the Foreign Office spokesman said of the 1969 award.

"It's a courtesy on both sides. Each side accepts the other's list. It's a long-standing convention that honorary awards are not published in the *London Gazette*, nor anywhere else. It's only if someone is in the know and picks it up and asks about it that it is confirmed. It is known that awards are given on state occasions and if you rang up and asked if a particular person had received an honour, the Palace would say so, I'm sure."

It first became known two years ago that Dr Waldheim's Wehrmacht unit interrogated British commandos who had been captured in the Ionian islands and were later murdered by the SS.

Curiously, Dr Waldheim made no reference to his GCMG in his entries in recent editions of *Who's Who*, although he listed the most humble of honours, including an honorary degree from the Mongolian State University.

The GCMG is given by the Queen "on the advice of her ministers"; in 1969, the second Wilson Government was in power and his Foreign Secretary was the late Michael Stewart. It is believed that although Dr Waldheim met the Queen she did not personally invest him with the honour.

The Queen accompanied by Dr Waldheim during her 1969 visit to Vienna when he received his honorary knighthood.

Crime writers take lessons from crime fighters

Conference could turn out a thriller

From Charles Bremner, New York

A bunch of guys in bow ties sitting around in a chintzy New York joint jawing about murder with a couple of hundred dames — what would Marlowe have made of it? Not much, probably. You had to buy your own booze and no bishop would kick a hole in a stained glass window for these broads. But Mrs Marple would have loved it.

Holed up at a hotel on Seventh Avenue are the 500 members of the fourth international Congress of Crime Writers, four days for veterans, learners and editors to swap gossip, stab backs and pick up a few forensic tips from the pros.

"Books that start with cutting women into pieces and eating them is a waste of good women," said Mr Herb Reznicow, a local writer, warming up to the seminar, "Fatal Attraction: Love, Death and everything in between". Go easy on the violence and the sex will take care of itself was the general message of that talk.

Next door, under a big chandelier, they were complaining about upstarts who make a lot of money reviving Holmes, Bond and their ilk. Other packed seminars included a talk by FBI men on mass murderers.

"We had four medical examiners and a dentist yesterday," said Mary Higgins Clark, who has sold 10 million mystery books in the USA. "It's useful for finding out new methods of murder."

A nice Scotland Yard man at the first conference 13 years ago had taught her how to conceal the fact that a body had been moved, she said.

On Wednesday the expert advice came from Mr Rudolph Giuliani, the gang-busting Manhattan prosecutor and the man who collared the insider traders and closed down the pizza connection drug ring. After giving an imitation of the Godfather, the scourge of the Mafia explained how his men nailed Ivan Boesky and the big shots of white-collar crime.

Mrs Higgins Clark had, along with many others, decided not to take part in the trip to the city morgue today, Friday the 13th.

Dorothy Sucher said she had been assured that the librarian, whose name is Mr Malvin Vitriol, can fix private visits any time. Ms Sucher has just published her first mystery, entitled *Dead Men Don't Give Seminars*.

Among the big names here are Julian Symons and Yulian Semyonov, the master of the Soviet "whodunnit". A translator for the Japanese contingent said they particularly valued the chance of meeting such men and soaking up the mean streets of the naked city.

From the writers' talk, it was clear the genre is split between the British "cosies" (country houses and Oxford dons) and the American hard-boiled (wisecracking and violent gumshoes).

Robert Barnard, British author of *The Skeleton in the Grass*, said each side of the Atlantic prefers the other's school. But it was true, he allowed, that the law enforcement types at the conference were of the hardboiled variety. "There aren't any chief constables and refined policemen."

Not all the Americans appreciate their heritage. Raymond Chandler is to blame for a lot, according to Roger Simon, a West Coast author. "He was a great writer, maybe as great as Hemingway. But he's had far more influence on our fiction and he's continuing to put American writers in a straitjacket."

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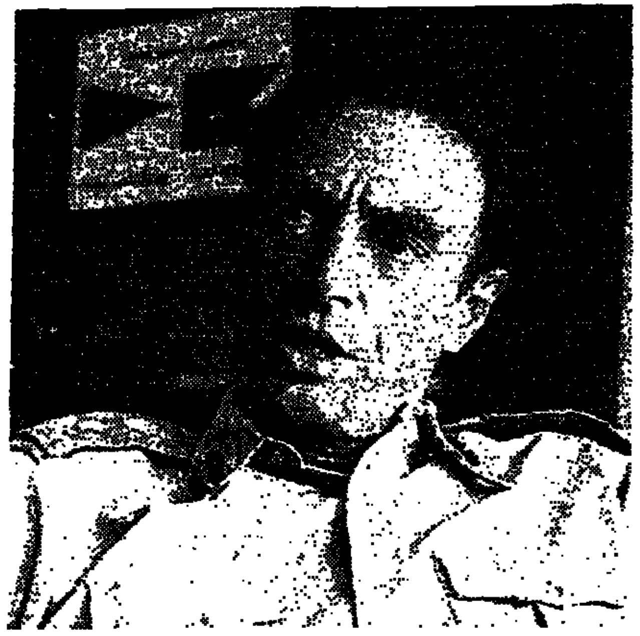
Rhine Army's chief refuses to be panicked by IRA

From Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, Rheindahlen, West Germany



General Sir Brian Kenny, who has the twin tasks of facing the Soviet Union's military threat and protecting thousands of BAOR soldiers and their families from terrorist attacks.

After six months as Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, General Sir Brian Kenny faces a formidable task.

He must confront what he sees as an increased threat posed by new Soviet conventional weaponry, forward deployed in East Germany, and also has to choose the most practical security measures to safeguard the thousands of soldiers and families under his responsibility in West Germany from IRA attack.

With his RAF counterpart, Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, General Kenny until very recently has reviewed all security measures every 48 hours since the murder of three British airmen in The Netherlands on May 1 and the discovery of a bomb under the car of an army captain in Bielefeld, headquarters of 1 British Corps, two days later.

Inevitably the "red alert" warning which was ordered for all British bases in West Germany last week after the Bielefeld bomb has now been lowered, because it is impossible to maintain the highest security status for very long.

It means that individual garrison commanders have to take soldiers from their training schedules to increase the guard. Life for the servicemen becomes intolerable and, as General Kenny said yesterday, that would be "playing into the hands of the IRA".

In an exclusive interview with *The Times* at his headquarters in Rheindahlen, the four-star general, a tall, fit-looking 53-year-old who has spent many years of his army career in Germany, commented: "To lose an airman is as sad for me as it is for Air Chief Marshal Skingsley. He would feel the same if we lost a soldier.

"There was great sympathy felt all round and prayers were said in church services. So we look at the security question together and take the necessary precautions. But we must not overreact. We are both concerned in the end to maintain the morale of the soldiers and airmen and their families. We are determined to keep up our guard but it's important to maintain a good quality of life. We also want to be well integrated with the Germans. So there is no question of corralling the soldiers and telling them they can't go out. But we have what we call Shark Watch. If there is a group of soldiers going out, one of them will act as a watchdog. He doesn't drink and he keeps his eyes open and checks the car when necessary."

But apart from his personal commitment to safeguarding the lives of the 56,000 British soldiers in BAOR as well as their dependents and civilian employees, General Kenny is also determined to improve the "combat effectiveness" of the troops under his command during his two-year stint in the top job at Rheindahlen.

He also wears a Nato hat as commander of Northag, the Northern Army Group, responsible for the defence of the northern area of Germany, and with German, Belgian and Dutch forces under his wing, he has to cope with a whole array of different equipment that is neither standardized nor properly integrated.

General Kenny said he understood there were good national procurement and industrial reasons for each of the four countries producing its own equipment. "But we have four separate trunk communication systems, not all of which are designed to interface with each other," he said.

"So we have to spend money to interface the systems. If you look at the infantrymen, each has a different rifle. Then there are all the different kinds of tanks.

"I've come to the conclusion that as a Nato operational commander I've got to stand up and make quite clear what my priorities are for interoperability and standardization. So, for example, I might say that we must have a common tank *gun* by the year 2000. I think that's realistic. But to say that we should have a common tank by 2000, that's not feasible, although maybe by 2010."

General Kenny, who has two sons, one of them a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, is currently engaged in a study on this crucial issue and intends to set out precisely his requirements, to help the other Nato countries make what could be "unpalatable decisions" in the future. No one could argue that research and development projects were being duplicated in many areas.

General Kenny's resolve to encourage his Nato partners down the path of standardization is underlined by his perception of the threat posed by the Warsaw Pact forces.

"In terms of equipment and capability, the threat has gone up, not down," he said. "Since INF (the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty) their intentions may have changed but their capability has increased.

> **❝ We are determined to keep up our guard but it's important to maintain a good quality of life ❞**

"We see the introduction of a large number of T80 tanks and there are more aircraft, armed helicopters and stocks deployed forward. From our perception their capability to mount a surprise attack has probably increased in the last three years. So we've got to improve our own capability."

BAOR is already in the process of introducing new equipment. The first of the 1,000 Warrior infantry fighting vehicles ordered for the Army, to replace the old armoured personnel carriers, are now in Germany with the 1st Battalion, the Grenadier Guards and a replacement tank for the remaining 500 "workhorse" Chieftains, which are still deployed alongside the new Challenger tank, is now under consideration.

General Kenny welcomed the new era of greater openness between East and West. "The best way to demonstrate deterrence to the other side is when they come over here and can see that we are well trained, well organized, well equipped and always operationally ready."

General Kenny wants to improve career opportunities for women in the Army, but he ruled out putting them in the front line. He said: "I'm horrified to see how in some countries women are driving tanks and being given a combat role. I think that's unacceptable."

Lebanese in court over Nicosia car-bomb carnage

Cypriots press for terror clampdown

Nicosia (Reuter) — A Lebanese suspected of involvement in Wednesday's bloody car-bombing here appeared in court yesterday as a furious press and public demanded tough action against Middle East terrorism in Cyprus.

Mr Omar Ahmad Hawillo, aged 28, stood impassively in a courtroom, ringed by armed guards, as he was remanded in custody pending further inquiries into the bungled attempt to bomb the Israeli Embassy in which three people died and 18 were injured.

A police investigator told the court: "From evidence collected so far the suspect seems involved in the crime."

Police said on Wednesday that Mr Hawillo, a student at a private Nicosia college, owned the Mitsubishi Pajero which blew up on a busy avenue moments after police had stopped it parking outside the nearby Israeli Embassy for a second time. The driver of the car was blown to bits and had not been identified, police told the court. Two Cypriots also died in the blast, which blew a yard-wide hole in a concrete bridge and smashed hundreds of windows.

A security source said on Wednesday that the bomb seemed to have exploded accidentally. Police said then that a man seen running away from the scene dropped a timing device. The blast devastated the Pedhieos bridge area, with cars blazing and pieces of burnt flesh, twisted metal and glass strewn for hundreds of yards.

The liberal daily *Phileleftheros* said in an editorial: "It is evident that the violence intended for the Embassy of Israel finally took place in the middle of the street. This is not an act of bravery but despicable terrorism."

The newspaper said that Cyprus should consider breaking off diplomatic relations if a foreign mission were found to be involved.

It said that tough measures had to be taken to forestall worse situations "so that we don't become another Beirut", and added that all suspicious people should be deported.

Most editorials echoed the same feelings.

Cyprus prides itself on good relations with its neighbours. Nicosia is one of the few Middle East cities which hosts both an Israeli embassy and an office of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which condemned the bombing. But the blast raised fears that the island was becoming inextricably entangled in the region's conflicts.

The car-bombing suspect, Mr Omar Hawillo, hiding his face in his hands as he is escorted under strict security to court in Nicosia yesterday. He was remanded for eight days.

32 dead as Cape bus crashes

Johannesburg (AFP) — Thirty-two people were killed and 37 injured yesterday in a bus crash in South Africa's eastern Cape Province town of Cathcart, state-run SABC radio reported.

The radio said the driver lost control of the bus which rolled into a ditch. Some of the injured were said to be in a serious condition. All were believed to be black.

N-test protest

Wellington — The New Zealand Government has protested to France about a 20 kilotonne nuclear test at the French underground site on Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific.

Skulls arrests

Moscow (Reuter) — Police arrested five teenagers found boiling three human heads on a bonfire in Moscow's southern outskirts, apparently to make ashtrays, *Moskovskaya Pravda* reported.

Baby snatched

Monrovia (AFP) — Four armed men stormed a hospital and took away a baby aged nine months who was being kept until the mother paid her bill, the independent *Mirror* newspaper reported.

Soldier spy

Peking (AFP) — A Chinese soldier has been jailed for 14 years for selling military secrets to spies, the official *Army Daily* said.

9 feared lost

Wellington — Nine people are feared to have died when a twin-engined Piper aircraft disappeared on approach to the New Zealand provincial city of Wanganui.

Mine clashes

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Two black miners were killed and 22 injured in fighting between rival groups at the Trans-Natal Coal Corporation's Matla colliery.

Last tango

Sydney (Reuter) — A Hungarian musician on tour with the Budapest Gypsy Orchestra is to lose his job after admitting stealing a pair of shoes.

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THREE MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the three months ended 31st March 1988, estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1987, which are restated at 31st December 1987 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1987.

It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	3 Months to 31.3.88 Estimate £ millions	3 Months to 31.3.87 Estimate £ millions	1987 Year Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	581.3	512.8	2,169.5
Long Term Business	55.9	52.1	213.6
	637.2	564.9	2,383.1
Investment Income (see note)	77.3	65.3	299.1
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	(21.0)	(51.0)	(98.3)
Long Term Business Profits	3.5	3.5	11.5
	59.8	17.8	212.3
Less Interest on Loans	1.1	0.8	3.8
UK Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	–	–	4.1
Profit before Taxation	58.7	17.0	204.4
Taxation – UK and Overseas	14.1	1.0	40.8
Profit after Taxation	44.6	16.0	163.6
Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	1.1	0.9	2.4
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	43.5	15.1	161.2
Earnings per Ordinary Share	22.8p	8.2p	86.2p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.89	$1.88	$1.88
Canada	$2.33	$2.44	$2.44

Note Investment income excludes £2.5m (1987 £2.5m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	3 months to 31.3.88		3 months to 31.3.87	
	Premium Income £m	Underwriting Result £m	Premium Income £m	Underwriting Result £m
U.K.	224.8	(2.0)	189.1	(30.9)
U.S.A.	196.4	(13.9)	171.7	(16.9)
EEC other than U.K.	40.7	(4.4)	41.9	(2.8)
Canada	60.3	(1.7)	55.6	3.4
Other Overseas	34.4	0.0	29.5	(1.8)
London Market Business incl. internal reinsurance	24.7	1.0	25.0	(2.0)
	581.3	(21.0)	512.8	(51.0)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 13.4% and 18.4% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 13.2% and 15.3% respectively.

In the United Kingdom, net written premiums were £224.8m (1987 £189.1m) and there was an underwriting loss of £2.0m (1987 £30.9m loss). The Motor account showed a reduced loss of £2.5m (1987 £5.7m loss) despite a slight increase in claims frequency. The Homeowners and Commercial Property accounts, reflecting the absence of extreme weather conditions which so adversely affected the 1987 result, produced profits of £1.0m (1987 £19.6m loss) and £4.1m (1987 £6.2m loss) respectively. Experience in the Liability account remains adverse.

In the United States, net written premiums were $371.2m (1987 $322.8m) and the operating ratio was 106.55% as compared with 109.47% for the same period last year. On the United Kingdom accounting basis, the underwriting loss was £13.9m (1987 £16.9m loss). Improvement was seen in most major lines particularly commercial.

Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £5.1m (1987 £3.2m loss) with some deterioration in results from France, Netherlands and Canada.

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UN team faced with 'mission impossible' over Soviet pull-out

From Edward Gorman, Islamabad

Officials from the United Nations are working round the clock here to try to establish a viable operating procedure for the team of 50 soldiers set up by the UN under the Geneva peace accords to monitor the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, scheduled to begin on Sunday.

The team, which is known as Ungomap (United Nations Good Offices Mission for Afghanistan and Pakistan), faces what some observers believe to be an almost impossible task, as it tries to establish secure conditions under which it can safely monitor violations of the accords inside Afghanistan in an environment of escalating warfare.

Earlier this week Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the leader of the seven-party Mujahidin alliance, gave clear warnings that he could not guarantee the safety of UN forces moving inside the country, adding that their presence was the result of a treaty which had not been signed by the Mujahidin and was therefore not recognized by them.

Major-General Rauli Helminen, the Finnish officer leading the UN force, was quoted last week as saying that he would consider suspending the mission altogether if he did not receive sufficient assurances from all parties to the conflict that his men would be given safe passage.

With the start of the mission imminent, the general together with senior advisers was yesterday meeting Mujahidin leaders in Peshawar for the first time to try to work out a basis of cooperation.

"The issue is security and everybody knows that," said a senior Western diplomat here who is working closely with the team. "They are looking for assurances from the Mujahidin and I am absolutely convinced the Mujahidin will give them those assurances."

But it was clear last night that UN officials and the soldiers involved are still far from certain what their task will be and how it should best be carried out.

Although the soldiers — from Sweden, Canada, Austria, Ireland, Fiji and Poland — are all experienced UN veterans, there is no precedent for them to draw on for an operation of this kind.

Unlike most UN units, Ungomap is not a peacekeeping force and it does not have powers of enforcement. Its job is simply to investigate claims by either Pakistan or Afghanistan that the terms of the Soviet withdrawal laid down in the Geneva accords are being violated.

According to Western observers, the UN team is likely to be dealing principally with claims by the Pakistanis that the Soviet forces are not withdrawing in the so-called "front-end loaded" manner by which 50 per cent of their troops are supposed to be out in the first three months.

There may also be allegations of atrocities, or widespread destruction and mining of civilian areas as the troops leave.

In order to fulfil this task the UN force will be split in two, with half based in Kabul and the remainder in Islamabad and, most observers believe, the UN officers will be required to travel extensively inside Afghanistan in order to investigate individual transgressions.

Seasoned sceptics believe the project almost completely impractical and it will be a risky business as the war between the Mujahidin and the Government in Kabul steadily escalates in the coming months.

US trade pressure fuels South Korean anger

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

The US soldiers who confront North Korean forces have probably never worried about being pitchforked in the back by irate South Korean farmers, but may have to soon.

Mounting trade disputes have fuelled anti-US sentiments in a country long regarded as one of Washington's staunchest allies.

It seems improbable that a relationship forged in blood during the Korean War could founder over a few shipments of beef cutlets and cigarettes, yet discord on trade issues have strained ties more than at any time in a decade.

A trade war was averted last week when Seoul bowed to American pressure to liberalize its imports with concessions on cigarettes, and less controversial items such as avocados and frozen potatoes. But five days of tough negotiations in Seoul failed to reach agreement on 284 industrial and 50 agricultural products.

The essence of the conflict is a growing surplus in South Korea's trade with America, its biggest market, which reached almost $10 billion (£5.3 billion) last year.

Washington is determined to have it reduced by the removal of what it regards as unfair trade barriers, while Seoul argues that it needs more time to consolidate its economic gains.

Failure to resolve the issues so far has produced frustration on both sides, and unruly protests by Korean farmers and militant students opposed to further concessions. The normally quiescent farmers, who comprise one-fifth of the population, have been flocking to the capital to stage demonstrations outside the US Embassy against the threat of beef imports.

Their ire is fuelled by the belief that, while they are not responsible for their country's trade surplus, they are bearing the brunt of the American offensive. The campuses are putting out a more political message, with student activists orchestrating demands for US troop withdrawals. It would be incorrect to suggest that the students' "Yankee go home" slogans have generated much public sympathy in a country facing the perpetual threat of renewed war with North Korea. Defence and trade ties with the US are viewed generally as vital to South Korea's security and economic success, and the prevailing sentiment is one of frustration rather than one of hostility.

However, young professionals, who have grown up in a more prosperous and proud country than their parents, resent what they perceive as bullying by Washington.

Their protests received support from an unexpected quarter this week. A commentary in *The Wall Street Journal* said that the US was indiscriminately venting its economic frustrations on smaller Asian nations — especially South Korea.

Seoul's room for manoeuvre is limited by political constraints on its new Government. The ruling Democratic Justice Party, having lost its parliamentary majority in recent elections, may not make significant trade concessions without opposition approval.

● Kim pressure: Mr Kim Dae Jung yesterday called for an investigation of the former President, Mr Chun Doo Hwan, in connection with the bloody military suppression of the popular uprising in the southern city of Kwangju in 1980 (AFP reports).

Meanwhile, South Korea's other opposition leader, Mr Kim Young Sam, was re-elected president by acclamation of his Reunification Democratic Party at a party convention in Seoul attended by some 1,700 national delegates. He had resigned from the post three months ago as part of a drive to unify the opposition.

Mr Kim Young Sam waving to supporters as he celebrates his re-election to the presidency of the Korean opposition group, the Reunification Democratic Party, in Seoul yesterday.

Colombian cocaine trial the Americans cannot afford to lose

From Alan Tomlinson
Jacksonville, Florida

Carlos Lehder: Described as the Henry Ford of the cocaine trade.

Appropriately enough, but by pure coincidence, it happens to be "Say No To Drugs" week in this shipyard town, where the trial of the man alleged to be the world's top cocaine smuggler draws to a conclusion after an exhausting seven months.

Dubbed the most important drugs case in American history, it is one the hard-pressed US Drug Enforcement Administration cannot afford to lose if the war on narcotics is ever to be won.

In Colombia and elsewhere, cocaine barons have walked free from courts where their vast resources of cash and violence have proved more persuasive than legal argument. If Carlos Lehder, the most notorious of them all, cannot be prosecuted successfully here, then where can he be? The paunchy Colombian, is alleged to be a leader of the ruthless Medellin cartel, the drug ring reputedly responsible for 75 per cent of all the cocaine entering the US market. The District Attorney, Mr Robert Merkle, weary after the long trial, his voice barely more audible than the air conditioning, described Lehder to the rapt jury as the Henry Ford of the cocaine trade. "Ford pioneered the mass manufacture of automobiles, Lehder pioneered the mass transportation of cocaine," he said.

The difference? "Mr Ford sought to help the American consumer, Lehder sought to destroy the American consumer." Even here, in a small city quietly dedicated to building ships and selling insurance, the extent of the destruction is coming home painfully.

"Crack" has recently inundated Jacksonville's poorer neighbourhoods, bringing unwanted violence — it recently overtook Miami as the town with the highest murder rate in the state of Florida.

In the hushed courtroom, Lehder, aged 38, smiles affably at onlookers and doodles on a notepad. He has seemed indifferent to his fate since Colombian police and DEA men plucked him from his ranch early last year and whisked him to the US faster than you can say extradition.

Through 22 weeks of testimony, Mr Merkle laboriously reconstructed the pieces of Lehder's operation which is said to have moved an estimated 20 tons of cocaine from Colombian jungles to American streets since 1973, though the 11 charges Lehder faces refer only to three tons smuggled through a private Bahamian island from 1978 to 1980.

The prosecution called 115 witnesses, most of them government agents whose long years of surveillance amassed a mountain of documentary evidence including aircraft purchases, bank statements and company records.

But the key testimony, and perhaps also the weakness of the government case, was provided by 29 former associates of the Colombian, some of them enemies he made along the way, "insiders" who flew drug runs, transported cash, loaded planes or delivered suitcases full of cocaine.

In stark contrast, the defence called no witnesses at all, bringing the protracted proceedings to a sudden and somewhat disappointing conclusion. Instead Lehder's attorney, Mr Edward Shohat, a Miami lawyer with a reputation for taking on the toughest cases, relied on his razor-keen cross-examination skills. Under his relentless grilling, the informants were frequently caught out in untruths and contradictions or made to recant testimony.

These witnesses had all been "bought", Mr Shohat told the jury this week. They were convicted felons and confessed perjurers who had traded suspect testimony for lighter sentences.

Mr Shohat said the Government wanted to put Lehder away for life at all costs and had paid "an incredible price", promising absolution to anyone willing to testify against the Colombian.

As the credibility of its case collapsed, the prosecution had been left with no choice but to produce more and more witnesses, Mr Shohat argued in his closing remarks. "But you are not here to strike a blow against drugs." Mr Shohat told the jury. The issue was not whether Lehder was a good or bad person generally but whether his guilt had been established on 11 specific counts.

The wily attorney believes he has the prosecution rattled. Throughout the trial the jury was not shown a single ounce of cocaine. But on Wednesday, as Mr Merkle wound up his case, 277 lb of the drug was wheeled into the courtroom on a cart and placed where the jury could get a good look at it.

When his turn to address the jury arrived, Mr Shohat pounced gleefully on the prosecution's tactic, pointing out that the cocaine in question had not been connected by any evidence to his client. The government case was "the portrayal of a myth".

Japan's labour scandal

Tokyo shows its seamy side to guest-workers

From David Watts, Tokyo

On her first day of work in Japan, Andrea Tomkinson found herself decked out in a black satin *chongsam* serving drinks to businessmen whose English seemed to be limited to four-letter words.

It was not what "Andy", a 23-year-old Australian, had in mind, and certainly bore no relation to the advertisement offering work in a *sushi* bar that she had answered in Melbourne.

She is part of a human tide from the surrounding countries flowing towards Japan who are attracted by well-paid jobs or the chance to practise the language of a country which is set to dominate the world's financial markets and high-tech industries. Just as foreign workers flocked to Britain and America after the Second World War, so Japan now faces the prospect of having to accommodate, create jobs and provide help for the less well-off countries surrounding it.

But whereas Britain actively sought the newcomers for its less-skilled jobs, Japan's neighbours are not yet welcome to fill that role. Many enlightened and liberal Japanese know that import of foreign labour to take up the less well paid jobs disdained by Japanese is inevitable. A national debate is ranging back and forth over the traumatic prospect of unskilled outsiders living and working in Japan. But so far the country is staying true to its instincts of keeping the outside world at arm's length. Historically, Japan has allowed in only foreigners with white-collar skills from whom the country can benefit.

> ❛ The aliens feed a vast and hungry sex industry and more and more small and medium-size factories ❜

Japan's homogeneous society must not be compromised, so goes the conventional thinking, and the social problems encountered by European countries with their communities of immigrant workers must be avoided.

Kokusaika, or internationalization, has become a buzz word as Japan tries to come to grips with its new responsibilities. But like many such terms, the word does not mean to a Japanese quite what it means to a Westerner. To too many Japanese it simply means more English-speakers to act as go-betweens with the outside world or watching British or American television news by satellite, not the creation of truly multi-national concerns or working alongside someone from a different background.

This exclusiveness and the high cost of living can have tragic consequences for young foreigners: within the past few months a Bangladeshi student starved to death and a Filipino bar girl died of malnutrition.

While the bureaucracy and politicians debate their future, foreign workers keep coming anyway, aided by Japanese middlemen as keen to flout the law as they are. They feed a vast and hungry sex industry and more and more small and medium-size factories which find fewer Japanese willing to do the dirty, low-paid work. These foreigners work in conditions of servitude for a fraction of the salary of a Japanese.

Because the thousands of Thai, Filipino and Mexican girls and South Asian men are outside the law they are at the mercy of ruthless gangster recruiters and employers. *Yakuza* (gangster) talent spotters range as far as Mexico City and the United States for girls. A recent flight from Manila to Tokyo contained a handful of businessmen. The rest of the airbus was taken up with *japayuki-san*, literally Ms Going-to-Japan.

A thousand licensed companies bring in many of the women legitimately and many more come by underground routes.

A new route has now opened up via Taipei. Asian women avoid close questioning at Narita airport and fly on China Airlines into the old Haneda airport in Tokyo, where checking has been less strict because all other flights using the airport are on domestic routes.

The men, often from Bangladesh, Thailand and Sri Lanka, fare better and are willing to put up with tiny dormitories and extraordinarily long hours in return for salaries which amount to a small fortune back home. Many of them are travelling on false passports and live in fear of discovery. Andrea was one of the lucky ones. She could speak some Japanese and was in a family where at least the mother cared for her welfare.

She was able to hang on to both her passport and her return ticket. Most Asian women lose both as soon as they are met by *yakuza* keepers who promise to look after them. Andy was kept to strict curfew hours and paid a pittance but many of her Asian fellow guest-workers are locked in their rooms outside working hours and get only room and board and a small amount of spending money.

> ❛ Many of these foreign workers travel on false passports and live in constant fear of discovery ❜

Some of the women escape to HELP, a Christian shelter organization in Tokyo, where 151 foreign women and, more surprisingly, 168 Japanese women have sought protection over the past year. Two recent Thai escapees are now in psychiatric hospitals.

"It was horrible. It was like being pawed by your father's friends with his consent ... prostituting your dignity to be treated like a little toy," said Andrea.

Equally disturbing for the young Australian was the fact that "they expected me to turn into a Japanese overnight".

Mrs Keiko Chiba, a Socialist MP who has castigated the Government's lack of action, said: "We have to do something about this right now. They are here illegally but they must be treated properly and paid properly for their work. If there are disputes about payment they must be given time to solve them before they are returned to their countries."

She is candid enough to admit that with her party dependent on the support of the labour unions she can hardly advocate increased employment of foreign labour, yet she recognizes Japan has its responsibilities.

But the ruling Liberal Democratic Party is predominantly male, she notes, and used to an ever-changing selection of females in the bars and nightclubs of Tokyo.

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40	44	2,920	2,558	905	6,383	2,920
45	49	2,876	2,519	892	6,287	2,876
50	54	2,836	2,484	879	6,199	2,836
55	59	2,785	2,440	863	6,088	2,702
60	64	2,741	2,401	850	5,992	2,330
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40	44	7,531	6,597	2,335	16,463	7,531
45	49	7,418	6,498	2,300	16,216	7,418
50	54	7,321	6,413	2,270	16,004	7,321
55	59	7,213	6,319	2,236	15,768	6,997
60	64	7,103	6,222	2,202	15,527	6,038
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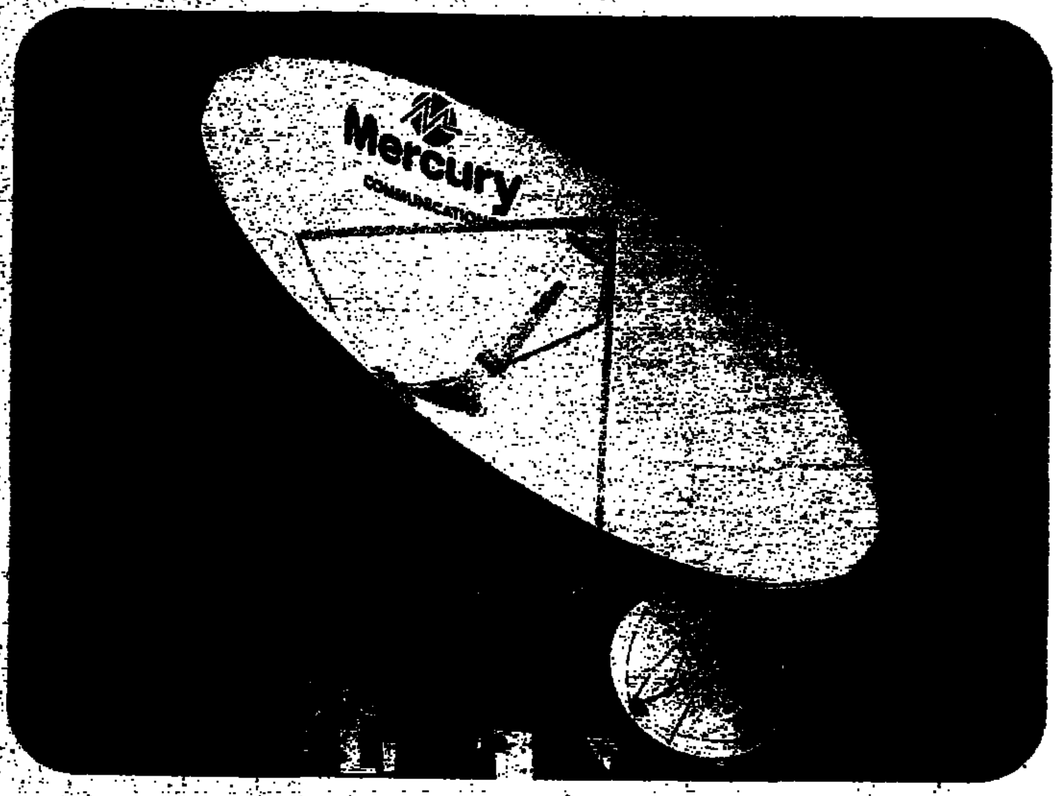

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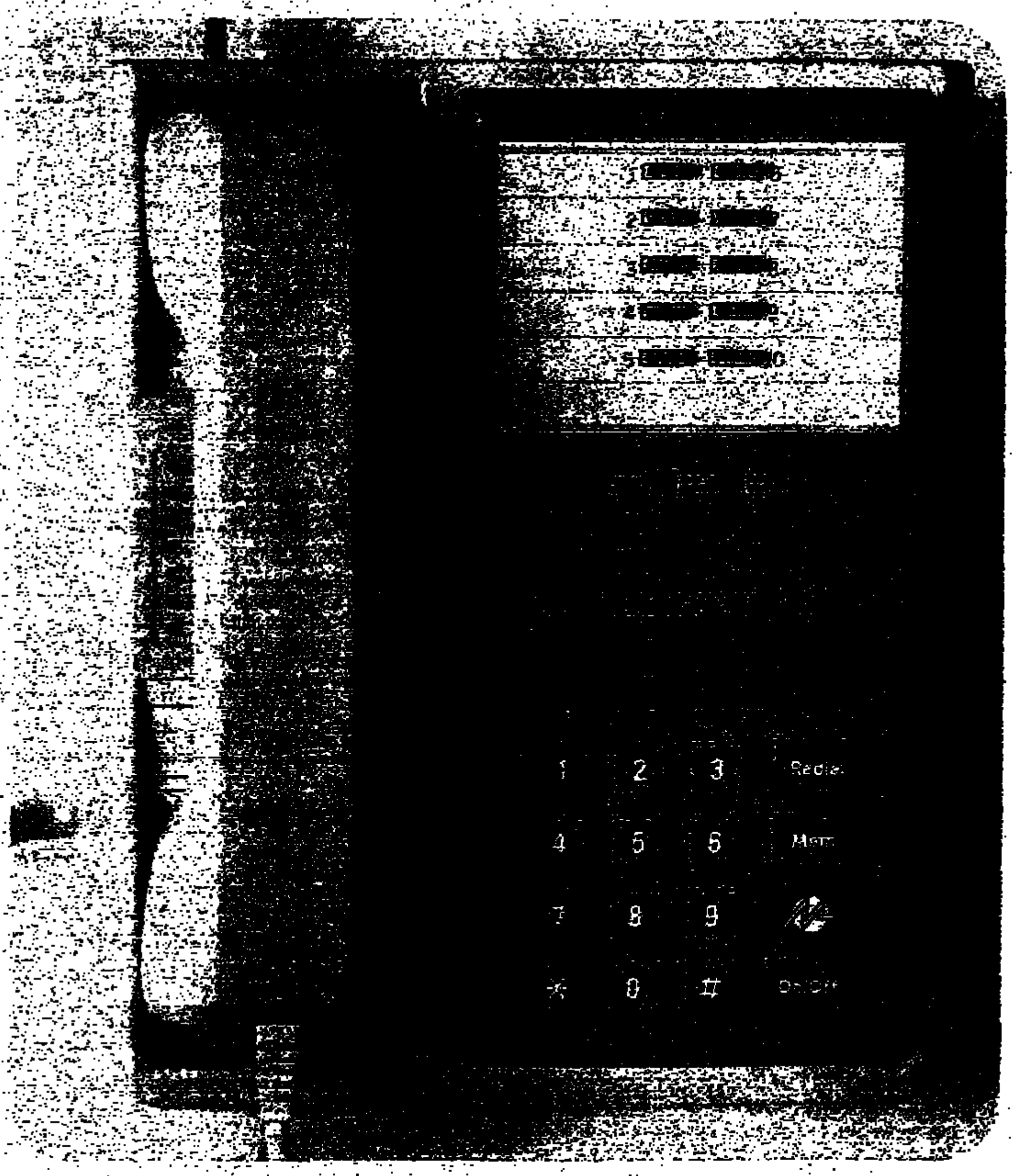

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Labour MPs laughed loudly when the Prime Minister failed to accept opportunities presented during questions by Mr Neil Kinnock to say publicly that she agreed with Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: The pound is rising against the Deutschmark again. Would she like to see it go on rising?

Mrs Thatcher: He will complain when the pound goes up and when it goes down. The Chancellor will run the economy in such a way as to combine low inflation with good economic growth. He has been extremely successful in that objective – an objective and achievement which totally eluded the Labour Party.

Mr Kinnock: It is a pity she did not answer that question. Does she recall the Chancellor saying two weeks ago when the pound was down: "I do not want to see the exchange rate appreciate further. That does nobody any good and is damaging for business and industry." Does she agree?

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that the Chancellor runs the economy extremely well, well below inflation rate, with excellent growth and giving the people of this country a much higher sandard of living (Labour protests).

Mr Neil Kinnock: All very interesting. A straight answer: Does she agree with her Chancellor?

Mrs Thatcher: We shall continue to run the economy – (Opposition laughter) – with excellent growth, a higher standard of living, a higher standard of social services. It is that total picture which counts. What a pity Mr Kinnock cannot understand the answers or the economics.

Mrs Thatcher on Mr Lawson: He has been extremely successful on inflation [illegible]

'Explain policy' demand

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and other Treasury ministers, came under pressure at question time to explain Government policy on exchange rates.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, asked if the Chancellor had an exchange rate policy or "has it been elbowed to one side by the Prime Minister"?

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) opened the exchanges by asking if the Chancellor would be discussing with his European counterparts over the weekend his policy of trying to achieve maximum exchange-rate stability.

Mr Peter Brooke, Paymaster General, said that the Chancellor would no doubt continue to say the same things as he had in previous meetings.

Mr Alan Beith, SLD Treasury spokesman, asked if the time would ever be right for Britain to join the European Monetary System so long as the present Government remained in power.

Mr Brooke said that the matter was kept under continual review. The Government would join when it thought that the time was right.

TREASURY

Mr Robert McCrindle **(Brentwood and Ongar, C) asked Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, to take the opportunity at question time "of telling us what we particularly want to know – namely that the Chancellor has no intention of resigning. Or is that a hypothetical question?"**

Mr Major **said that he could certainly express a strong preference for Mr Nigel Lawson to remain Chancellor of the Exchequer for a very considerable period. "For the evidence of his period as Chancellor is that he has produced a remarkably successful British economy."**

Mr Smith said that the Chancellor had told the House, when the pound was below 3DM, that it should be aligned to the Deutschmark.

Since then the level of the pound had been constantly rising and the Chancellor had been saying that each rise was unsustainable. Yet he had told the *Wall Street Journal* on Wednesday that the pound should continue to be aligned with the Deutschmark.

But at which level should it be aligned, or was the Chancellor being elbowed aside by the Prime Minister and was it his policy that was unsustainable?

Mr Brooke said that that had been a long question and the long answer was in evidence given to the Treasury Select Committee.

Later, **Mr Smith** asked Mr Lawson to tell the House straight what his policy on exchange rate was. He repeated his question on alignment with the Deutschmark. He said that since the pound had been at less than 3DM it had gone up through various so-called unsustainable levels. It was now at 3.16 and might go higher. Did Mr Lawson want the pound to be worth more or less?

Mr Lawson said that he had explained the policy clearly to the Treasury Select Committee and that evidence was now available to the House. It was well known to most MPs.

The House knew that the policy of Mr Bryan Gould (Labour's trade spokesman) was that whatever level the exchange rate was at it should be at least 20 per cent lower. What was Mr Smith's policy?

Later, **Mr Philip Oppenheim** (Amber Valley, C) asked: Bearing in mind the effect on growth of exchange rates, can the Chancellor tell us what the cost of supporting the dollar was last year, what the loss was in sterling terms and whether he thinks this money was well spent?

Mr Lawson: We do not publish figures of the exchange equalization account and its operations, as no previous government has done. If the House wants to investigate this, there is a perfectly proper channel, through the Public Accounts Committee, as happened in 1978 when the practice of that Government, the same as this Government, was endorsed.

As for intervention in foreign exchange markets, it is a very foolish government which refrains from intervening in foreign exchange markets in all circumstances.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that the sterling exchange rate could well undermine the competitive edge of British industry if sterling continued to rise.

"It is important that we keep a very careful watch if we wish British manufacting industry to continue to play a major role in our economy."

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that it was certainly the Government's intention to ensure that manufacturing industry continued to grow. The aim was price stability. The stability objective in exchange rates was also a highly desirable proposition.

Adverts get new overlord

Responsibility for Government advertising has been transferred to Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, from Mr Peter Brooke, Paymaster General, because of a possible conflict of interest with Mr Brooke's chairmanship of the Conservative Party.

Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said at questions that the change had been made by the Chancellor before there had been a single representation from the Opposition.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that Government advertising had gone up fivefold since 1979 and was estimated to be £88 million.

"I realize that rotten products take a lot of advertising to sell them and there is nothing more rotten that Government policies." But, because many of these policies were controversial, did Mr Major not think that, rather than the taxpayer paying for party-political advertising, Conservative Central Office should make a substantial contribution?

Mr Major said that Mr Banks's underlying premise was wrong. The percentage of Central Office of Information expenditure related to advertising was not much different this year compared with 1978-79.

Mr Nicholas Brown, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that responsibility for the COI had slid from the Paymaster General to the Economic Secretary because there was a clear conflict of interest.

Mr Major said that there was certainly no conflict of interest. He then gave MPs the details of the change.

Government defeat in Lords

The Government suffered a defeat in the House of Lords on its proposed system of voting by parents to allow a school to opt out of local authority control and take on grant-maintained status. Voting was 141 votes to 122 – majority against the Government, 19.

The defeat came on an amendment moved on the fourth day of the Education Reform Bill's committee stage by the **Bishop of London**, Dr Graham Leonard.

He said that it was extraordinary and unreasonable for the Government to propose that an irreversible decision could be made to enable a school to "opt out" of local authority control by a simple majority of parents who voted in a ballot.

He proposed that it should be decided instead by a majority of parents eligible to vote.

The Government's propsal was an open invitation to small groups of extremists to ensure a majority of the minority vote to secure what they wanted on the issue.

Lord Trefgarne, for the Government, said that he recognized the concerns but believed that they were exaggerated. The parents' ballot was only part of the process for opting out. There was no justification to suggest that fanatics would try to steal a school away.

The Bishop of London replied that he had an open mind about opting out but he was very disappointed with Lord Trefgarne's answer.

Jail crowding critical

Parts of the prison system were miserably and dangerously overcrowded and that was at the heart of a problem as serious as any which confronted the Government on the domestic scene, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said when opening a debate on prisons.

More than 50,000 people were held in prisons or police cells, but the prison system was designed to hold only about 44,200.

This problem was not unique to the United Kingdom. The UK prison population – 96 per 100,000 inhabitants – was the fourth highest among Council of Europe member states, lower than that of Canada and well below that of the United States.

It had been growing at a much slower rate in the past four years than that of France, Holland, Ireland and Portugal.

Of the total 50,000 prison population, about 11,000 were on remand awaiting trial or sentence and that figure had nearly doubled since 1980.

About 15,000 had been sentenced for violent offences and the remainder were in prison for non-violent offences – 9,000 of them were burglars and 7,000 were in for theft and related offences.

It would be quite wrong for him to seek to prevent the courts from sending to prison those for whom, after considering all the alternatives, they believed prison to be the right place.

Parliament had provided powers to authorize the early release of inmates not convicted of serious crimes of a violent nature or involv[illegible] important that [illegible] should be [illegible] were on[illegible] [illegible] prison [illegible] arbitrary [illegible]

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The increas[illegible] sentences in respect of serious violence reflected the revulsion felt about such crimes, particularly when the victims were elderly or children.

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said that the substantial prison building programme was welcome.

But overcrowding had been caused first by the unremitting increase in crime in the past 10 years.

Wakeham refuses time for Alton Bill

Answering pleas that the Abortion (Amendment) Bill should be allowed time for completion in the Commons, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the House, said during business questions that he recognized the strong feelings of the Bill's supporters, but that it was not government practice to provide extra time for consideration of private members' Bills.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said that there was considerable anger and frustration on both sides of the House and throughout the country that the Bill, having secured a second reading by a substantial majority, having successfully passed its committee stage and then completed its report stage save for the vital final votes, should have been talked out.

The Government had said that it would not give time for its completion, but the Bill would amend an Act that only became law because the previous Administration had given additional time for it.

Did it not follow that this Goverment was morally bound to do the same?

Mr Wakeham said that the Bill was on the list for discussion on Friday and if the House so chose it could be debated then.

He did not want to anticipate what might happen then. He would always be ready to discuss the matter again.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, SLD), sponsor of the Bill said that compensatory time ought to be provided so that the report stage could be resolved.

Could the Government not allow time for the House to take a proper decison on the issue?

Mr Wakeham said that he understood the point, but he did not want to anticipate what might happen on Friday.

The Government would consider it a very grave step to intervene in the process of the promotion of a private member's Bill.

Sir Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) said that the debate and argument had been completed and, but for the tactics adopted by the Bill's opponents, the report stage would have been concluded.

He could not understand why those opposed to the Bill were not prepared to allow the House to make a democratic decision on it.

ABORTION

Sir Bernard Braine: Anger and frustration

He could understand the Government's difficulty over allowing extra time, but all that was required was time for the vote.

Mr Wakeham said that he wished he could be more forthcoming but that he had nothing to add.

Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone, C) asked if the Government had any intention of bringing forward proposals of its own on the subject, or was it saying that, despite a motion signed by 109 members asking for extra time, the majority given the Bill at second reading and the widespread concern throughout the country, it would not give the issue any priority at all?

Mr Wakeham said that she had to look at it in a wider context than the particular Bill and she would recognize the Government's position about giving additional time to a private member's Bill.

That position had been arrived at after careful and detailed thought and was not something that should be lightly thrown aside.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that the Government's predecessors had not shirked their responsibilities in this area and therefore there was a moral duty on a Conservative Government to allow the Bill to be decided one way or another.

Mr Wakeham said that he took note of that comment.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that during the years he had been in the House there had been many controversial backbench Bills, on hare coursing, fox hunting and between 1974 and 1979 on industrial relations.

They were all defeated for the simple reason that if there was too much controversy about a Bill not many people were needed to stop it. The then Father of the House once spoke for three hours to stop a Bill.

If David Alton had been smart enough, as had been suggested to him, and voted in a different manner, then he might have just had a little forlorn hope of carrying his measure forward.

Mr Wakeham said that anyone seeking to understand properly the procedures of the House should consult Mr Skinner as he had a greater knowledge of them than on many matters outside on which he expressed opinions.

Attack on Ingham rejected

Was it desirable that her press secretary should have more influence on the Prime Minister than had her Cabinet colleagues, **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) asked during question time. **Mrs Thatcher** told him that he must be hard up for a question.

Mr Winnick: Is the reason why no replacement was made when Lord Whitelaw resigned as Deputy Prime Minister that she already has a deputy Prime Minister in her Chief Press Secretary, Mr Ingham?

While she has many difficulties in getting on with her Foreign Secretary and her Chancellor, is it desirable that her Chief Press Secretary should have more influence in policy matters than any of her Cabinet colleagues?

Mrs Thatcher: He must be hard up for questions to ask that one. He cannot find a single thing to criticize in the way the the economy or the country is run. How very revealing.

Labour nuclear defence pygmies

It was a pity that there was now a difference between the two sides of the Commons on defence and the nuclear deterrent, Mrs Thatcher said when Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C) reminded her that it was 40 years since a Labour minister announced that Britain would have its own independent atomic deterrent.

He invited her to reflect further on the remarkable contrast between what must be seen as the giants of the post-war Labour Government and the political and parliamentary pygmies who had replaced them.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. In those days there was no difference between the two sides on the importance of defence and the nuclear deterrent. What a pity there is a difference now.

Benefit of tax cuts

The cutting of marginal tax rates stimulates enterprise, initiative and effort, and cuts in the highest rates will encourage managers and skilled professional people to work and pay tax in the United Kingdom rather than abroad, **Mr Norman Lamont**, Financial Secretary, Treasury, said in a written reply.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) had [illegible] evidence of any [illegible] between work incentives [illegible] in the highest in[illegible] rates.

[illegible] Lamont said that the [illegible] took time to build up. [illegible] econometric [illegible] identified a positive [illegible] effect, despite [illegible] to look only at the [illegible]

Gibraltar [illegible]

[illegible] Thatcher joined with [illegible] Democratic Unionist Party [illegible] question time in [illegible] the security services [illegible] providing protection [illegible] terrorism.

The Rev William [illegible] (Mid Ulster) said that [illegible] people throughout the United Kingdom de[illegible] unwarranted attacks on the SAS, who had carried out effective measures in Gibraltar (Conservative cheers).

He added that there was [illegible] that there were those in and out of the House of Commons who were more concerned about terrorists than about security.

Blowpipe deal denied

Britain had neither agreed to supply nor supplied the missile Blowpipe to the Nicaraguan Contras, **Mrs Thatcher** said during question time.

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) had asked, after disclosures from the national security archive in Washington of a Colonel Oliver North memorandum, whether the Prime Minister could give a categoric assurance that her Government had never directly or indirectly, or through the CIA, facilitated the supply of arms to the Contra terrorists in Nicaragua.

Poll tax

Regulations will provide that people requested to supply information to community charge registration officers must do so within 21 days, **Mr Michael Howard**, Minister for Local Government, said in a written reply.

VAT move under fire

European Commission proposals to harmonize value-added tax were attacked by Opposition MPs late on Wednesday night, but an Opposition amendment making changes in VAT or excise duties conditional on the approval of the Commons was defeated by 215 votes to 92 – Government majority, 123.

Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said that the United Kingdom would have difficulty in adopting the fall in duty on spirits and cigarettes which would result, and said that the Government wanted to keep its pledge to maintain zero rating on food, fuel and children's clothing.

The Chancellor wanted to hear MPs' views on the Commission's proposals for tax harmonization before a meeting of the European economic affairs council next weekend.

The Commission proposed to harmonize VAT at a standard rate of 14 to 20 per cent and a reduced rate of 4 to 9 per cent.

No zero rate was proposed.

The Government had made specific pledges to retain zero rating for VAT on food, fuel and children's clothing.

"We neither wish, nor is it our intention, to resile from those pledges."

The Commission was proposing to harmonize excise duties by averaging.

That meant that in the United Kingdom, duty on a bottle of spirits would fall by 40 to 85 per cent and on cigarettes by 10 per cent.

That would have a marked effect on Britain's health and social policies.

The Government had made clear that the United Kingdom would have fundamental difficulties with the proposals in this respect.

Any changes would require unanimous agreement and there was no question of the United Kingdom's being obliged to accept a proposal with which it disagreed.

"The pledges we have given are firm commitments by which the Government stands."

Dr John Marek, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that the proposals would affect the standard of living of the poorest households which would be hardest hit if VAT was levied on food, fuel and children's clothing.

The poorest fifth spent 43 per cent of their income on these goods while those earning £450 a week spent only 19 per cent of their incomes on zero-rated goods.

There was no reason for the upper limit on VAT and lower limits should be imposed by individual countries.

At the very least, the lower band should start at zero.

There was no reason for harmonization. States of the United States levied different sales taxes, but they had an adequate internal market.

Mr Alan Beith, SLD spokesman on Treasury matters, said that it had been manufacturers' pricing policies, not VAT, that caused differences in price for cars between Britain and Belgium and led people to try to import them into this country.

The idea of reducing the price of a bottle of spirits by more than £2, given the problems of alcoholism, was unimaginable.

A 12p reduction in the price of 20 cigarettes would be absurd.

It was not sensible to arrive at common excise duties by averaging those charged in the United Kingdom, which was at one end of the scale with those charged in Greece, which was at the other.

Dr Marek: Proposals would harm the poorest

Parliament next week

The Commons will rise for the spring recess on May 27 and return on June 7. The House of Lords will rise on May 26 and return on June 6.

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Private member's motion on town and country planning legislation. Civil Evidence (Scotland) Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: British Steel Bill, progress on remaining stages.

Wednesday: British Steel Bill, completion of remaining stages.

Thursday: Debate on Opposition motion on shipbuilding. Debate on European Community budget.

Friday: Debate on the arts.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Education Reform Bill, committee, fifth day.

Tuesday: Education Reform Bill, committee, sixth day.

Wednesday: Debate on the mentally ill and mentally handicapped.

Thursday: Education Reform Bill, committee, seventh day.

Friday: Debate on White Paper on privatizing the electicity industry.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills, remaining stages: Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Rear Seat Belts by Children) Bill; Environmental and Safety Information Bill; Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

Put pressure on P&O, Labour says

Ministers recognize law 'selectively'

The following report of exchanges during the Commons debate on the seamen's dispute appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Frank Doran (Aberdeen South, Lab) said that there seemed to be selective recognition of the law by the Government. It recognized industrial relations law, but ignored the law on safety.

By avoiding its responsibilities to the wider interests the Government was ignoring the serious implications the dispute had for the future.

Its failure to become involved and to put pressure on P&O to return to the negotiating table showed that it cared nothing for industrial relations and everything for its friends and for profits.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, SLD spokesman on trade and industry, said that the opening speeches had showed the unacceptable faces of the Labour and Conservative parties. It had become a straight shouting match. P&O were clearly intent on becoming a non-union company.

Mr David Shaw (Dover, C) said that the dispute was a tragedy for the working people of Dover, for the shopkeepers and small businesses, for the lorry drivers and all the people in the country affected by it.

There was no question that many trade unionists were moderate and sensible. After three months of negotiation, the terms of the Red Book had been produced. The union rejected these without explaining them to the members (protests).

There were cash profit-sharing schemes and a shares profit-sharing scheme on top of the basic rates of pay. Members of the union had told him that trade union officials had not told them about that. Cash profit-sharing could mean another 30 days' pay a year if the company was successful.

Mr John Prescott (Hull East, Lab), who is sponsored by the NUS, said: The NUS have made clear that the negotiations and agreement will clearly go to the members in a secret ballot – (Conservative cries of "When?") – when they conclude the negotiations and Jeffrey Sterling comes back to the table to negotiate.

Mr Shaw said that safety was paramount and the public and MPs would want reassurance. He hoped to hear confirmation that the inspectors had checked and approved the ships, lifeboats, operating procedures and crewing arrangements.

The company had assured him that their practice was to over-crew their ships to ensure that they had enough people to man the lifeboats.

On the picket line there was intimidation. Lists of people working had been assembled, videos of crews going to work and had made, and threats made. Something like 100 cases of intimidation were being investigated by the police.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that nothing that had been said or done by ministers responsible for safety at sea had been adequate, given the loss of life in the Zeebrugge disaster. It was hard to believe that the Government did anything other than share the desire of P&O to maximize its profits.

What was occurring was the culmination of a long approach the Government had followed to attack and, if possible, destroy trade unionism. Ministers' speeches could be traced back to the 1920s and 1930s in Italy and Germany.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that the trade union movement and the NUS were fighting for their very existence because of the Government's anti-trade-union legislation, which was worse than even that of General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader.

Mr Robert Hughes, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that conciliation was an anathema to the Government. It believed that might was right. Industrial disputes had to be resolved by trial of strength.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, said that the most alarming feature of the dispute had been the behaviour of Opposition MPs.

They had made regular appearances on the picket lines and had made inflammatory speeches during the debate. Did they think that would help to achieve a speedy, negotiated conclusion to the dispute?

"Does the Opposition not recognize that people have a right to go to work without fear of intimidation? The Labour Party put the right to strike above the right to work.

"The Labour Party appears not to believe in the rule of law when the law does not suit them. They blame the judges, they blame everyone else. The Labour Party should stop fuelling this dispute, or trying to, with promises of solidarity; trying to keep it going.

"The time is coming for them to use their influence with the NUS to tell them to respect the laws of the land.

"Why do they not condemn secondary picketing? Why do they not condemn law breaking? Why do they not condemn the continuation of out-of-date working practices which cost the nation and workers dear?"

The motion was rejected by 317 votes to 205 – Government majority, 112, and a Government amendment stating that the resolution of industrial disputes was a matter for the parties concerned, was carried by 305 votes to 217 – Government majority, 88.

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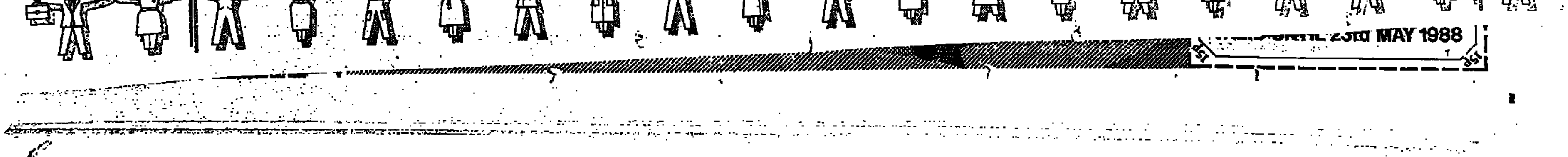

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SPECTRUM

My nation born on a battlefront

Shlomo Hillel (left) knows where he was 40 years ago today: watching ith some relish as the British pulled ut of Palestine. **Ian Murray** hears the cret agent's tale of Israel's first days

On his way south from Haifa on the morning of May 13, 1948, a young kibbutznik turned secret agent ssed a long column of British ficials and soldiers. It was ading for the port in time for the ldiers to leave Palestine before Mandate ended at midnight e following day.

"There was nothing more pleas- t to me than to see them going." lomo Hillel remembers. "I ought, 'To hell with them. We're ing to get rid of them at last.' "

The future Speaker of the nesset was not very impressed ith the British, who had insisted *sole administration of Pal-* tine in the six months of sorder leading up to its UN- nctioned independence and par- tion between Arabs and Jews. is kibbutz was a cover for a ctory making the weapons eded in the guerrilla conflict at had broken out with Arabs. *e had already begun work as an* ndercover agent shipping Jewish fugees illegally into the country.

"The British intervention was ry unfriendly. It was not only egative but it made us feel very ncomfortable. The ship would ome with people who had iraculously survived the Nazi eath camps and we had to bring em in as though we were thieves the night. All of us were living n a kind of exploding bomb at the rms factory. Our problem was the ritish. I was so happy to see them o."

The next day he was in the tiny el Aviv offices of the illegal mmigration group, handing in his otice so that he could go to fight n the open war with the surround- ng Arab nations that he knew ould be inevitable as the British pulled out. His boss invited him to go that afternoon to the ceremony at which David Ben-Gurion was to proclaim that Israel was an independent state. He turned it down in favour of going home to spend the weekend on his kibbutz.

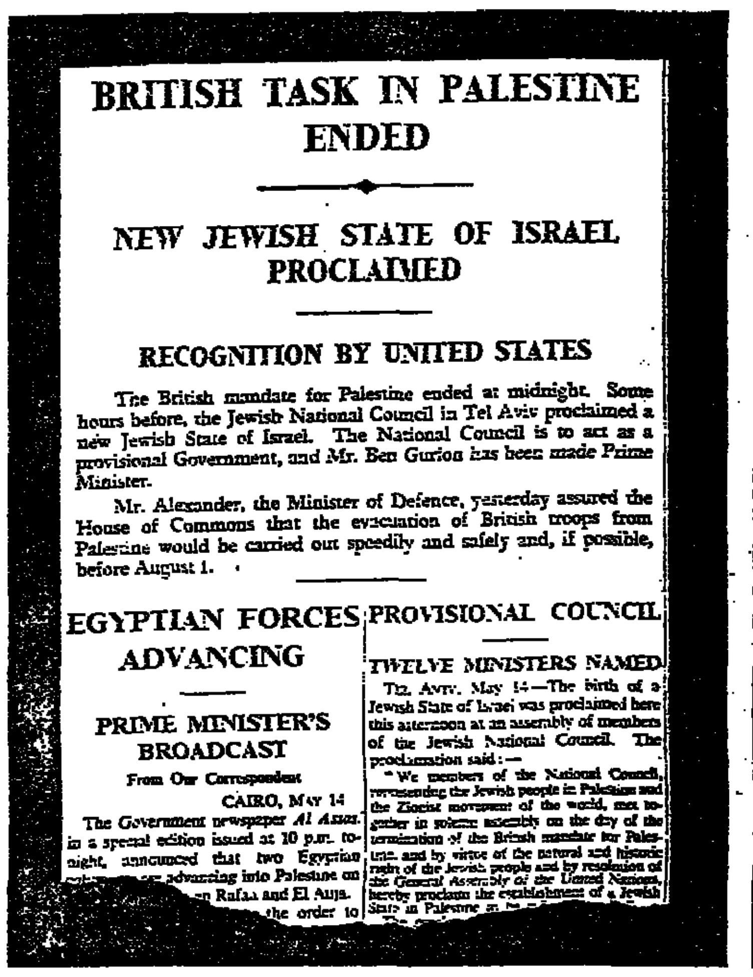
These days the journey from Tel Aviv to the kibbutz takes no more than a quarter of an hour, down the motorway to Rehovot. In 1948 the route was under attack by Arab groups and convoys were always forced to find roundabout ways through the fields. This day the trip took three dangerous and uncomfortable hours: at some point during it, the new state of Israel was born.

Shlomo Hillel was 25. "I thought then that a ceremony was for the old people. If they wanted a declaration, let them have one. I was not in a jubilee mood. It was a very bad situation.

"We were already at war. Every time I went away and came back I learnt that a friend, sometimes a *very close friend*, had been killed. In my age group, everyone knew each other because we were a small family. In the war of independence, we lost 6,500 out of 650,000 people. We all knew someone who had died. On the morning of May 14 we heard that Gush Etzion had fallen and I wondered which of my friends had died there.

"We didn't doubt that Israel would survive. If I had known then what I came to know later, I would have been much more worried. But all of us, with the exception of a few like Ben-Gurion, didn't realize how dangerous and precarious it was.

"It was not a question of whether we would survive but of what price we would have to pay. If you go to a shop to buy something, you can decide if the price is too high: but we were stuck here. We had to pay the price, whatever it was. We were paying the price for our own existence, paying the price for the Arab land, paying the price for the people in the Holocaust."



BRITISH TASK IN PALESTINE ENDED

NEW JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL PROCLAIMED

RECOGNITION BY UNITED STATES

The British mandate for Palestine ended at midnight. Some hours before, the Jewish National Council in Tel Aviv proclaimed a new Jewish State of Israel. The National Council is to act as a provisional Government, and Mr. Ben Gurion has been made Prime Minister.

Mr. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, yesterday assured the House of Commons that the evacuation of British troops from Palestine would be carried out speedily and safely and, if possible, before August 1.

EGYPTIAN FORCES ADVANCING

PRIME MINISTER'S BROADCAST

From Our Correspondent

CAIRO, May 14

The Government newspaper *Al Assas* in a special edition issued at 10 p.m. to-night, announced that two Egyptian [illegible] advancing into Palestine on [illegible] Rafaa and El Auja. [illegible] the order to

PROVISIONAL COUNCIL

TWELVE MINISTERS NAMED

TEL AVIV, May 14—The birth of a Jewish State of Israel was proclaimed here this afternoon at an assembly of members of the Jewish National Council. The proclamation said:—

"We members of the National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the Zionist movement of the world, met together in solemn assembly on the day of the termination of the British mandate for Palestine, and by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and by resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, hereby proclaim the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine [illegible]

As the British flag went down, Ben-Gurion proclaimed Israeli independence. He was one of the few who understood the new nation's fragility

For Hillel, the first job of the new state was to save Jewish refugees. "I wrote *a report at the time* saying there was now a double danger to the Jews in the Arab land. All of us had the memory of what had happened to the Jews in Europe and in my estimation a similar thing could have happened to the Jews in Arab countries. We were living in the situation of a tragedy.

"On the day after the declaration, we saw Egyptian planes come over and we knew we were in a real war. The next day we went very early to the small port of Tel Aviv to meet two small boats coming in from Europe with refugees. We wanted them to come in by night, but because of the blackout they couldn't see where to go, so they came in the early morning. At that very moment we were attacked by Egyptian planes. Some were killed, and the boats had to get out to sea as fast as they could. We had our own state, but we still couldn't bring our refugees safely ashore.

"At that stage we were not thinking about what kind of regime we would have. Our struggle was to survive." Yet he remembers with pride how in January 1949, while the war still continued, the first Knesset elections were held. "It was so important to us to show we were a democracy that we had to hold elections."

It was after the second truce in the independence war in July 1948 that Hillel "all of a sudden realized we were out of danger. From then on, I never doubted we had the upper hand." He resumed his work of smuggling Jews to a new life in Israel. Between May 1948 and the beginning of 1952, he masterminded the escape of 121,512 from Iraq and Iran.

He found himself on the list of candidates for Ben-Gurion's Mapai (Labour) party for the second Knesset election in 1952. "We were in a period of mass immigration and people were living in miserable conditions. They might leave a reasonable house behind in the morning, and in the afternoon they would arrive in Israel and be put down in the middle of nowhere to live in a tent bought second-hand from the British. There was no water and they were ready to revolt. Mapai put me on the list because I was a name known to these refugees, someone who had worked for them and might help them."

Hillel served in two governments before being elected as speaker in 1984. From his high seat in the chamber he does his best to run the parliament along House of Commons lines. He thinks now of Balfour, Allenby and Churchill as more representative of Britain than its rule during the Mandate, which today is no more than a bad memory for his ageing generation.

It will take another generation, he believes, before Israelis lose their nostalgia and prejudices. "I think we are half way there in all domains. We have not yet achieved full peace with our neighbours, but we have a situation where most Arab leaders accept that somehow we have to co-exist. We are arguing about boundaries and the division of Jerusalem. In 1947, there was no question of boundaries. The Arabs believed they could get 100 per cent. To my mind, today even the most extreme of the Arabs accepts that we are here to stay.

"The Palestinian refugees weigh heavily on our conscience, but what has happened here is an exchange of refugees. There were more Jewish refugees than all the Arab refugees put together. We did what we could for ours out of our limited resources in order to absorb them. The Arabs, with their wealth and riches, did their utmost to keep theirs in the refugee camps.

After 40 years, where do we find ourselves? Half way up the high mountain we have set ourselves to climb. Is our glass half empty or half full? I say it is half full. And with all the tragedies we have had, I hope the second half will not take 40 years to fill."

He thinks of his son. "He has spent four years in the army. Now he is studying, and has been called up to do his military service. I want my son to be like other youngsters in the world, not having to endanger his life for his survival and the survival of his country."

He remembers a friend who survived the Warsaw ghetto because he had blond hair and pretended to be a Christian. His son was killed fighting for Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur war. "He is very miserable because his son was killed. But he said to me: 'When your son goes into the army he's facing danger, but he's given the possibility of fighting as a free man. I had to sell matches and pretend to be something I was not. You had to hide your weapons from the British. But our sons have been able to carry their guns openly and fight as soldiers.'

"My skin is shivering when he tells me this. I am not very happy about it, but it is true. Now I hope that one day my grandson will be told by his father: 'You do not need to carry a gun at all.' "

● *Tomorrow in* The Times: *George Steiner reflects on 40 years of an independent Israel.*

Computers and company practice are helping to beat the criminal in Northamptonshire. **Stewart Tendler** investigates the Home Office's favourite force

Where the police mean business

The redbrick country mansion that serves as headquarters for the Northampton police force plays host next week to Britain's next generation of chief constables. The officers, selected from across Britain for the Police Staff College's senior command course, will analyse what the Home Office regards as one of the most efficient police forces in the country.

They will find a force that includes a superintendent in charge of "corporate planning", a research and development manager, and computer crime analysis that gives constables on the beat a monthly breakdown of incidents. At headquarters, officers eat in a non-rank canteen in the Japanese tradition.

In the police service this is the age of cost-efficiency or "value for money". Chief constables must show the best possible use of manpower and cash while preventing their forces from being overwhelmed by a rising crime tide. If performance is good, more manpower may follow. David O'Dowd, Northampton's *chief constable, has seen his* manpower rise every year since 1983.

The story of Northampton's success began in 1981 under O'Dowd's predecessor, Maurice Buck, who was deputy to Sir Kenneth Newman, the commandant of the staff college. He first drew almost a third of the 1,000-strong force into research or working parties covering more than a dozen areas, ranging from police stations to police stationery.

More than 60 recommendations were gathered in a report that led to reorganization in 1983, when Northampton began a five-year plan aimed at getting an extra 142 police and civilian staff. At the end of the five years, there *were 123 extra staff.*

New policies were also put into action which are only now starting to see the light of day in larger forces. Following the model of commercial and industrial management, the force is headed by a policy committee (like a board of directors). An annual conference of the force's top 35 officers debates objectives for the next year.

But much of the change is intended to give more responsibility to local stations. The force has assembled a computerized analysis of crime, going back seven years, in each of its sub-divisions. On top of this a monthly crime pattern bulletin, analysing the problems beat by beat, has been drawn up on micro-computer.

A system of graded responses is used to answer 999 call so that officers can concentrate on the most serious emergencies first, and the pattern of emergency calls has been analysed so that extra staff can be on duty at recognized peak periods.

In the police stations, Northampton has been using a "case screening" system by which officers do not waste time on crimes that are almost impossible to solve. But detectives still sift through the discarded "unsolvable crimes" for patterns that might lead to arrests.

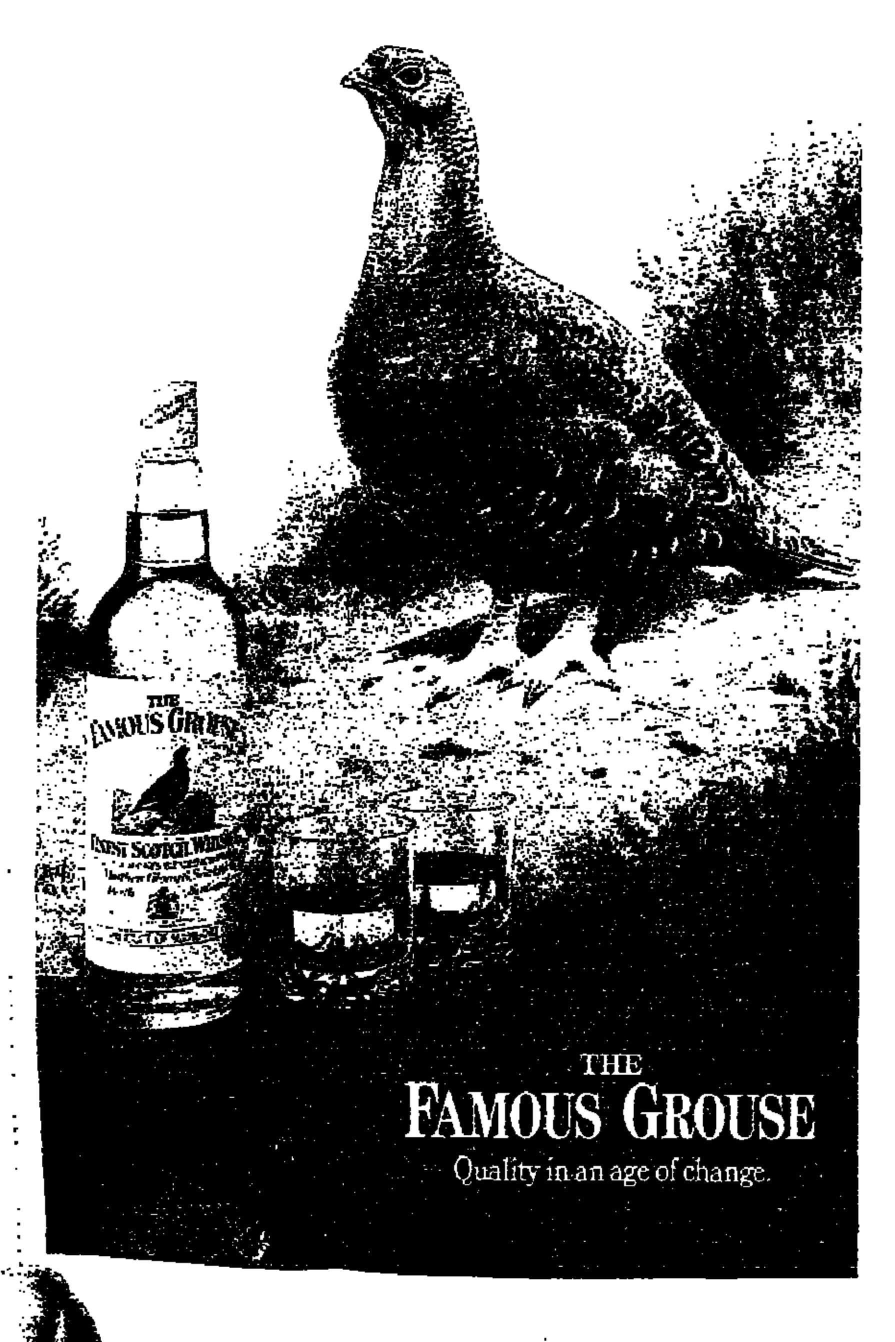
The force is now beginning to devolve budgets to a local level, giving commanders control of manpower and overtime. If a sub-division borrows men from another area and overtime is involved, the sub-division must pay its neighbour from its own budget.

At headquarters the force plans to put a civilian in charge of the finance and administration departments, operating at assistant-chief-constable level and bringing management skills from local government or commerce.

So what has all this management energy done for the consumers, who contribute to the £29 million annual budget? The force has kept its head firmly above water, despite having one officer to 504 members of the public, compared with the national average of one to 480.

Between 1981 and 1986 the number of reported crimes per officer rose by 43 per cent, 999 calls by 18 per cent and traffic accidents by 9 per cent. When comparisons were made on 1986 figures between workloads in Northampton and 13 comparable shire forces, the force had the second highest number of reported offences, people indicted and traffic accidents per officer. It came third in the list of clear-up rates.

The picture is not entirely rosy. Northampton has not been given its full manpower quota, despite being heaped with praise by the Home Office. There are lessons both optimistic and salutary for the fledgling chief constables when they visit next week.



FINDINGS

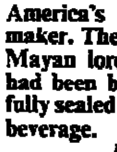
A weekly series on research

ARCHAEOLOGY

The earliest known cup of cocoa has been identified by a combination of epigraphy and chemical analysis. The cocoa bean is native to Central America and its Aztec name is *chocolatl*. Recent excavations at the Mayan city of Rio Azul, in northern Guatemala, uncovered a fifth-century AD tomb containing a pottery vessel with a lid that could be removed only by twisting. Hieroglyphics on the pot have been read as "ca-ca-wa", the Maya word for cocoa. A "tide mark" inside the pot was carefully scraped off and the powder analysed by scientists at Hershey Corporation, America's biggest chocolate maker. They confirmed that a Mayan lord 1,500 years ago had been buried with a carefully sealed pot of his favourite beverage.

Norman Hammond

FORESTRY



Unlike those of most forest trees and shrubs, holly leaves are presumed to survive the depredations of woodland herbivores because of their very sharp spines. But new research shows that it is not *the spines at all but the tough* leaf edges which put a stop to any animals having a feed. Daniel Potter and Thomas Kimmerer, of the University of Kentucky, have used American holly and fall webworms – caterpillars that feed on more than 100 different trees and shrubs – in their study. They found that the caterpillars rejected intact holly leaves, but when sections of leaf edge were removed, they devoured the leaves, spines and all.

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3. Led by Cottereau and Cadoudal and written about by Balzac.
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4. Complete: Split-, fly-, feather-, and coral-
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6. Place-name added to purple to identify the dye made from a sea snail.
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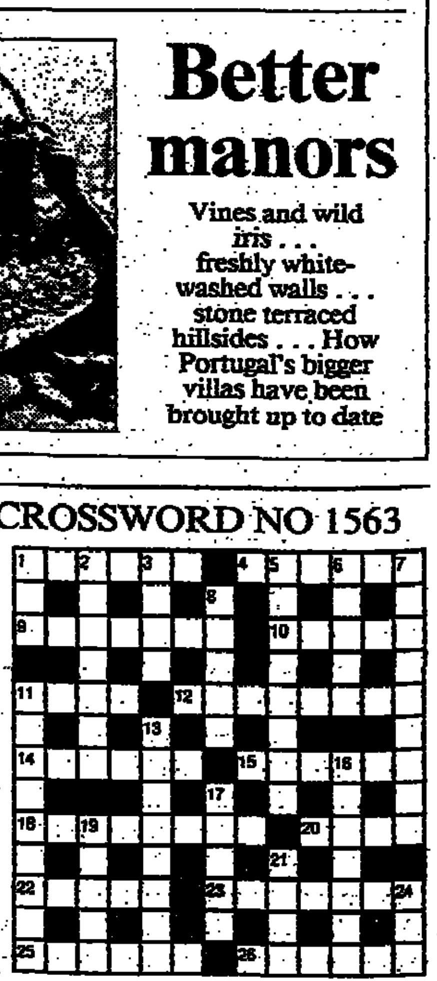

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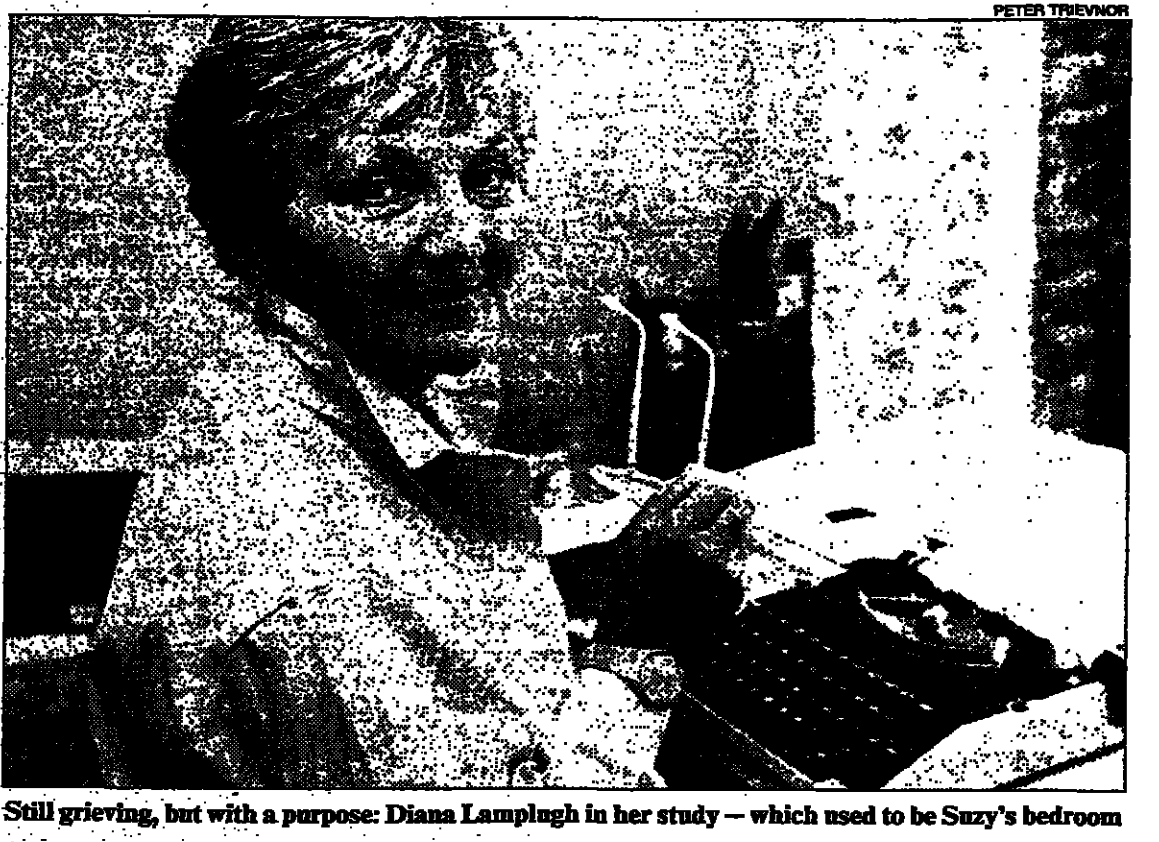
FRIDAY PAGE

Legacy for the living

Suzy Lamplugh has left her mother with a mission. Victoria McKee asks if her new book will deliver the message


PETER TREVNOR

Still grieving, but with a purpose: Diana Lamplugh in her study — which used to be Suzy's bedroom

When Diana Lamplugh was fat, it was not enough to lose weight: she had to found an empire dedicated to teaching other women how to take and keep weight off. Slimnastics, which she has taught for 20 years, *now boasts* some 270 teachers around the country.

When her son Richard was diagnosed as dyslexic, and the State school system could not cope with him, she made him a test case in the House of Lords and won not only the acknowledgement of dyslexia as a disease, but the money to have him educated privately if the State could not cope.

So when her daughter went missing, presumed dead, it was true to form that she should found a Suzy Lamplugh Trust to try to prevent other young women from succumbing to a similar fate. From the attic room that was once Suzy's, the trust has spawned a company, called Suzy Lamplugh Ventures, which in turn has produced a video called *Avoiding Danger*, a *Lifeskills* training film, and a Suzy Lamplugh Awareness Alarm. It has also provided the inspiration for the book which Diana Lamplugh has now written, *Beating Aggression*, "a practical guide for working women".

She picked the best consultants available in the fields of stress management, psychology, crime prevention and mental health to write the relevant chapters on avoidance, assertiveness, aggression and action. Nothing is new, Lamplugh acknowledges; it has simply never been put together in this way before.

"I've always been a catalyst," she says. "I don't think I'm very different now from the way I've always been — I've just lost some of the peripheries. I'm not so concerned with what I look like, for example. And I feel things should be done *now*, no waffle: I believe in going to the top to get things done. Maybe I'm assertive where I used to be aggressive."

'I believe in going to the top. Maybe I'm assertive where I used to be aggressive'

There is a brittle brightness about her — brittleness with a hard edge, brightness masking a dull, constant ache. The light shines through the stained glass window in her hallway, installed as a memorial to her missing daughter, and beams down on the photographs of and by Suzy Lamplugh.

Diana Lamplugh, perched, bird-like, on her chair in the attic room, is eager to promote her book but unwilling to countenance criticism as gracefully.

It would be "irresponsible", she says, to suggest that the elaborate self-defence procedures outlined in the book might foster a siege mentality in women. "The last chapter is devoted to saying that the employer must take responsibility not to put employees into a dangerous position."

She does not waste emotion wishing that she had taught her 25-year-old estate agent daughter to keep copies of her diary, tell colleagues where she was going and never put herself into a position where she would have to show a strange man around an empty house — as she did on July 28, 1986.

"I'm not sure you can ever really 'bring them up'," she says. "Suzy was streetwise, she knew what she was doing. If it could happen to her, it could happen to anyone. I mustn't reflect too much . . ."

Her life is very busy. She teaches swimming and Slimnastics and since the inception of the trust, she produces videos, organizes training courses and speaks to groups around the country. She runs a victim support system for the relatives of missing people, who tend to contact her; she campaigns for minicab registration, and can quote the statistics to justify the need (40,000 compared with only 17,000 black cabs) and for better patrolling of trains and tubes.

Common sense, she believes, is a better weapon than karate. And if that means always wearing high-necked dresses and flat shoes, and never again taking a walk after dark, that is just one option she is presenting to women.

"I hope I've never said *should*," she admonishes. "We can choose to be as we wish to be, but it should be an informed choice. You can choose to walk home in a nurse's uniform at midnight, but you ought to know that it's a turn-on to men.

"Once you're aware of the risks you're taking, you'll be able to make them in a more aware way."

Suzy believed that "life is for living", as she told her mother just a few days before she disappeared. She might still have chosen to show the house to "Mr Kipper", her mother inferred, but at least she would have closed the door behind her with her eyes open.

"Suzy sat in the window. She was a charismatic creature, and she lit up, she would attract people. She did. A lot of companies use women like that, but that's quite good sense, isn't it? Robert Kilroy-Silk once said to me: 'Wasn't your daughter used because she was good-looking?' and I said to him: 'Why do you think you got this job?' "

She thinks her techniques should be taught in schools, but pooh-poohs the idea of creating a generation of non-aggressive "new men". "I don't think you can make anybody anything," she says. "But you can create a changing climate of opinion." The book is aimed at working women because that is what her publishers wanted, although she would have preferred its simple exercises in assertiveness and relaxation techniques to address all women.

There may soon be another book inspired by Suzy's disappearance about which the Lamplughs are not happy. *The Suzy Lamplugh Story* is scheduled to be published by Faber & Faber in the autumn. The Lamplughs insist it is not going ahead, but Faber says: "We are aware that the book is extremely controversial and are sorry that she is unhappy with certain aspects, but it will be published on October 24."

There is a theory about displacement activity among those who are facing, or mourning, the loss of a loved one; it says that the urge to "do something useful", to set up a trust or a foundation, may obscure the real need to grieve. But Diana Lamplugh does not see its relevance to herself. "I *have* grieved," she says with quiet vehemence. "I am still grieving. It continues."

After further thought, she adds: "There's quite a difference in our case because we don't have a body. There's a difference in bereavement. I'm told the grieving is much slower and less complete — but on the other hand, it doesn't end."

Her book has been written in the hope that fewer mothers will have to grieve.

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Beating Aggression *by Diana Lamplugh will be published on May 19 (Weidenfeld Paperbacks); all profits go to the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.*

Sights for starry eyes

BARBARA AMIEL

Recently I asked a friend of *mine, who has known Nancy* Reagan for a long time, the expected question: what was she like? Much more attractive at close quarters than from far away, he said. She was feline, too, he continued, warming to the subject. Underneath the polish, though, one senses a snarling, crotchety fighter, waiting for a slight. "She is deep, deep water," he concluded.

In the past week, the deep waters have remained very quiet as the fuss over the use of astrology by Mrs Reagan has mounted. Sections of the American Press and assorted lobby groups have circled the Reagans like buzzards on a white-hot day in the desert. "A belief in God," pronounced Jerry Falwell, the evangelist, "and a belief in astrology cannot be reconciled." Even those political conservatives who might have been expected to rally to Mrs Reagan's support seem unexpectedly constrained. "She has been very unpleasant to people and is getting her comeuppance," remarked one British observer.

It is not difficult, I think, to conclude that whatever her strengths, Mrs Reagan is a woman of deeply unpleasing temperament and style. Her California world, from Pasadena to Bel Air, is home to what may be some of the most dreadul society in America, many of whom she transported to the White House. Still, even though sitting next to showbiz agents at State dinners may not be every American's idea of a good time, I cannot see how any of this justifies the fuss.

At the moment there is little evidence that the United States of America has been run by court astrologers. In his book *For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington*, Donald Regan, the former White House Chief of Staff, points out that when the President wanted to ignore Joan Quigley's predictions completely, he did so without compunction. I expect Mrs Reagan did consult Quigley about good, bad and iffy days in the great constellation of events, but so what? It is worth remembering that Reagan had been the object of an assassination attempt and that for a wife to see her spouse back in precisely the same job must be a nerve-wracking experience. She might be expected to fall back on little precautions. No doubt Mrs Thatcher's merciless attitude to terrorists is reinforced by seeing Mrs Tebbit in a wheelchair.

As to religious objections, one can only stand open-mouthed. I happen to share a set of irrational religious beliefs within the Christian-Judaic tradition myself, and would not have a leg to stand *on in protesting about someone* else's unscientific faith.

Nor can I see how Christianity and astrology are incompatible, unless one takes a very rigorous and mechanistic view of astrology. After all, the great cardinals had no difficulty visiting Johan Kepler when he was casting charts, and while Galileo may not have believed in what he did, horoscopes were part of his daily bread.

What emerges from this, I think, are three observations. First, that human beings are superstitious. This, surely, is a fundamental aspect of the human condition and has to do with our being so much at the mercy of chance and forces that we think we don't understand, or perhaps genuinely don't understand.

Speaking personally, although I don't believe in any of the contemporary movements investigating unknown forces, I am convinced that we are all still playing with pebbles on Newton's shore. There must be an infinite number of forces about which we know nothing yet. H.J. Eysenck touched on this obliquely when he defended astrology a few years ago. His argument, as I recall it, was that while astrology in itself may not be accurate, it might coincide fortuitously with such forces as the effect on human psychology of being born in the winter or summer.

Then one must understand, as books like Regan's are churned out, that America is a great, free, vulgar country in which nothing is tasteless. In this gigantic, kitsch society, one tells all shamelessly. This is a fundamental difference between the New World and our old one. A sense of *noblesse oblige* simply does not exist in America, where everybody "runs off at the mouth" and in so doing makes a lot of money to purchase microwave ovens.

In the end, what intrigues me most about all this, is that for the first time in America, the all-powerful American wife is being challenged. For years, long before feminism, it was a given of the American ethos that a wife would participate in her husband's work and have an edifying influence on him in the breakfast nook. It was not a matter that people understood that spouses would naturally consult one another, but rather that they *ought* to do so.

It has taken the ingrained antipathy of the media to the Reagans to challenge this most absurd shibboleth. Ironically, it has turned out to be over a wife that is doing the most wifely matter of all, if a little obsessively — consulting the gods, the stars and Joan Quigley in the frantic effort to shield her husband from harm.

Taking trouble with time off

Employers are getting tougher about time off — what are the new guidelines on acceptable reasons for absence?

The problem with special leave is that what is special to the worker might not seem so to the boss. Few employers would quibble about attendance at a funeral, but they might well at a school speech day. Should colleagues hold the fort while a mother holds a feverish hand?

Last week the Institute of Personnel Management reported from its survey that employers were getting tougher about such matters. There appears, it said, "less readiness to grant non-statutory special leave except for compassionate and medical reasons and religious holidays.

"Employees are increasingly being expected to accommodate domestic exigencies of short duration and other minor personal issues within annual leave entitlements."

Phil Long, author of the report, says there may be several reasons for the trend. "Economic pressures have brought greater rationalization in general, and people tend to have more holidays now anyway. It may also be concern over the level of non-sickness absence from work."

A third of the organizations she surveyed did not allow leave for family illness — a rise of 22 per cent on a similar study in 1980. Yet such responsibilities still fall primarily on women, according to Kay Carberry, head of the TUC's equal rights department. "Time off for family reasons is a real problem. It might not lead to direct discrimination but it marks women down as unreliable, it affects their promotion chances.

"I think men may find it easier to ask for time off for personal problems because they need to do it less often."

Some management experts believe that the statistics for women's sick absence conceal family illness: they say they have got 'flu themselves rather than ask for time to be with an ailing child. On the other hand, some high-flyers occasionally invent the occasional ear infection in a child rather than confess that they need a break themselves.

David Guest of the Industrial Relations Department at the London School of Economics says that the job you do, even where you do it, determines how tolerant an employer will be. "In the South-east an employer may let staff have time off for all kinds of reasons rather than lose them.

"There also tends to be more flexibility in areas where pay has been held back or where morale is low — such as teaching in an inner-city school."

The IPM survey, which looked at 65 private and public sector organizations ranging in size from 500 to 20,000 staff, found that every employer allowed time off for bereavement but most defined what close relative meant: only 3 per cent recognized a co-habitee as such.

At the same time it discovered that special leave to get married has declined, as has provision for sporting activities. Most acknowledged the need for medical appointments in office hours and included health screening checks in that category. Arrangements for other pursuits such as reserve forces training, sabbaticals, education, committee membership, religious holidays and travel to relatives overseas varied widely. Where there was any doubt, a common compromise seemed to be to make the time off unpaid.

Many companies leave decisions to local personnel officers, but there is a tendency to formalize procedures. British Telecom, with its 214,000 staff, has a series of lengthy guidelines. They start with paid leave which would range from "urgent domestic distress" — anything from a spouse running off to a flood, fire or burglary (up to three days off) to standing for parliament (four weeks). Next comes leave on half-pay which would include nursing a relative (up to five weeks) and finally unpaid leave for something like a round-the-world trip.

In general, the more extreme the crisis the more sympathetic the employer. Isabella Szredsky, of Alfred Marks Bureau, believes that this explains the growing popularity of temporary and part-time work. "Business hours are getting longer and women with children or other demands on their time know an employer is not going to look favourably on requests for time off these days."

Liz Gill

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TALKBACK

No thirst aid

From Mrs Pauline Molloy,
Bridge Farm Drive, Maghull,
Liverpool

Jancis Robinson must be told that shock and accident are never treated with a tot of strong drink (Spectrum, April 18), or for that matter any drink at all. The St John Ambulance First Aid manual clearly states that a casualty suffering from shock must not be given anything to drink as it will delay the administration of an anaesthetic, should this be necessary.

From Mrs K A Simpson,
Tidenham Chase, nr
Chepstow, Gwent

Is it too late to turn Mrs Collins's weekly family washing list (Talkback, April 20) into a Tournament of the Mind question so that the baffled can have resolved how frequently her family changes various items of clothing? Working out the number of washer loadings to get through the list is easy for practised hands, although if that were set as well, the pattern of correct answers could be socially significant.

From Alfred Boom,
Bulmershe Resource Centre
for the Handicapped,
Bulmershe Court,
Woodlands Avenue,
Earley, Reading

I was most interested in Mrs Collins's weekly laundry list. A typical daily wash for my "family" of seven profoundly mentally and physically handicapped young people is: 4 sheets; 4 pillow cases; 4 pillows; 4 duvet covers; 4 duvets; 60 bibs; 12 tea towels; 25 towels; 30 flannels; 3 cushion covers; 7 pairs pyjamas; 2/3 dressing gowns; 20 pairs trousers; 20 pairs paints; 14 pull-overs; 14 shirts; 10 vests; 2 anoraks; 10 pairs socks; 1 wheelchair cushion cover; 1 sheepskin rug; 1 physiotherapy mat cover; 1 bean bag cover.

Over a week, this comes to 5,054 items.

My "family" live in a community home for life organized by this charity. We wash and iron to keep our youngsters clean and smart all day and night long.

The Department of Health and Social Security recognized our concern to provide first class care, giving an extra allowance totalling £2,500 per year. This sum recognizes hot water, soap, wear and tear and replacement of clothing. Not a lot of money over a year, but nevertheless welcome. From April 11, our children have lost this privilege. This cannot be right for a modern progressive country.

From Shirley Dean,
Gresham Road, Hounslow,
Middlesex

I read with great interest the article "Glad to be Green" (Friday Page, April 22). My grandmother never had the dustmen call; everything was recycled, it was a total way of life not to be wasteful. She even made her own ointments and medicines.

It would take too long to write everything down that she did, but I now try very hard to uphold all the standards and values she had. If she were alive she would be appalled at the highly disposable and wasteful society.

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TIMES DIARY

THOMAS STUTTAFORD

A quick glance round the coat pegs of the Cavalry Club on any day other than the first Sunday in May shows that the bowler hat and rolled umbrella, the traditional emblems of the cavalry officer, are no longer everyday wear but belong as much to the past as the gold-braided full dress uniforms of the Edwardian era.

Annually the *old* comrades of the combined cavalry regiments march in Hyde Park to their war memorial in dark suits and brushed bowler hats, with umbrellas at the same angle. They look so patrician that a passer-by would be forgiven for thinking that their only possible role in modern Britain would be as a model for a whisky advertisement. In fact, however much these men revere the horse, their working lives were spent with tanks. Their conversation this weekend soon moved to their anxieties about the future of the Challenger. They are worried that the British army tank may soon be replaced by an American or German model.

The thought of having to rely on another country for the spares of their regiments' principal weapon fills the retired generals and colonels with horror. The Challenger's gunnery system may lack some sophistication but they are conscious that the armour on which their crews' life may depend is the finest in the world; a point which was inadvertently demonstrated to the Prime Minister when she visited a cavalry regiment in Germany. Just before the pictures of a commanding Mrs Thatcher peering from the gun turret of a Challenger were taken, the tank reversed into a German Leopard tank. The German tank was left very battered. a command workshop repair job, the Challenger merely needed dusting.

The Norwegian consul to Uganda is in London this week and anybody expecting to meet a tall Viking would be surprised. Norway's resident representative in Kampala is Mr Eddie Bowman, a friendly West Countryman, who is the local Barclays Bank man. Many of Mr Bowman's diplomatic colleagues, whatever the colours of the flags they're flying from the bonnets of their cars, are equally British. The local director of Grindlays Bank represents Sweden, the Standard Chartered chief looks after Finland's interests and Shell serves Holland.

After a disastrous period in which Her Majesty's Government continued to support Obote, not only until after he was discredited but to the point at which the High Commission was under siege, life in Uganda has settled down. President Museveni has internal security under control and even though the economy is entirely dependent on coffee there is no starvation. The British High Commissioner, Mr Derek March, immeasurably helped by a visit from the Princess Royal, has restored Anglo-Ugandan relations to a level of friendliness not seen for many years.

The many thousands who live in the Barbican will be reminded in June by four performances at the Barbican Centre of the operetta *Robinson Crusoe* by Offenbach that 250 years ago Daniel Defoe lived in their parish of St Giles Cripplegate.

Daniel Foe, as he was born — the De was added without explanation many years later — was the son of a local butcher and tallow chandler but unfortunately his addiction to writing political pamphlets, for which he served two jail sentences, contributed to his failure as a sock salesman and he didn't achieve fortune until he wrote Robinson Crusoe in 1719 when he was already in late middle age.

Anthony Besch, who after a lifetime directing most of the major opera companies is now head of opera at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, will direct. Offenbach, although born in Cologne, had an English stepfather and also composed an opera based on Dick Whittington. Besch thought it appropriate that the production of Robinson Crusoe would be subsidized by the Eurotunnel company as Defoe's English work had a French libretto and music by a German who had strong English connections.

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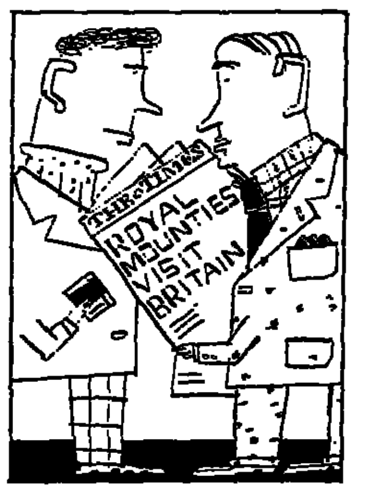

'Too late, alas, if their man was Philby'

Fifty leading personalities in the City, industry and the media have been invited to the lunch at the Royal College of Surgeons by Sir George Blunden, deputy governor of the Bank of England and chairman of the St Peter's Research Trust, to meet the Duchess of Gloucester their Patron. The lunch will be unusual in that the guests will be able to enjoy their meal without having to listen to an appeal for money: for reasons of protocol, the Duchess feels it would be inappropriate to speak, and Sir George is prevented by his position at the Bank from fund-raising. The organizers hope, however, that the guests will realize that for the Institute of Urology to achieve its aim of founding a chair in nephrology, and later in urology considerable sums of money will be needed.

Sir George, unlike his predecessors, the late Lord Antrim, and the late Sir Mark Baring, can claim that he has an intact renal system. Antrim and Baring as well as being chairmen were also patients. Lord Antrim needed a kidney transplant, provided by his son, and Sir Mark had a kidney removed. Both did well and expressed their gratitude by working for the hospital in its research programme.

Dennis Kavanagh reviews David Steel's 12 years as Liberal leader

Long march to nowhere

As leader of the Liberal party David Steel has been a bit player in many minor political dramas in the past 12 years. His decision not to stand for the leadership of the SLD appears to end his full-time interest in politics and perhaps his confidence in the prospects for a centre-left realignment in British politics. The decision to withdraw has been protracted and the end of the Liberal party and creation of its successor messy.

In retrospect the decision to stand down should have been made after the 1983 general election. The subsequent years have tested the ideas of political partnership and centre party politics to the point of destruction. One can squeeze out some Liberal achievements under Steel's leadership. The party is stronger in terms of votes, has amassed a formidable by-election record and has a useful presence in local government. Above all compared to the desperate position when he took over from the disgraced Jeremy Thorpe in 1976, he leaves a much stronger force behind. The long march has still been disappointing. Although still wearing the "Boy David" air, Steel has been around a long time and it shows.

The tiny Liberal parliamentary party has had to practise politics of co-operation. Steel has had to settle for the unheroic politics of wheeling and dealing. He has wanted to use his handful of MPs as a negotiating ploy, hopefully with a moderate Labour party and, after 1981, with a right-wing splinter from the Labour party. He would have thrived in French politics in the 1950s or Italy today. In a multi-party system the leader of a small centre party has great opportunities for acting as a power broker. The British political system, with two dominant parties in the House of Commons manufactured by an unrepresentative electoral system, has broken him and his party. The system failed to provide deadlocked parliaments in which Liberals could hold the balance.

David Steel found the flat-earth calls in his party for going it alone and sticking to "true liberalism" tedious and frustrating. He also found the complicated Liberal machinery and the activists' love of discussing resolutions in minute detail tiresome. The Liberal party, so long out of power, attracted single-issue supporters, political innocents and those who preferred the politics of principle to the politics of responsibility. His memorable words to the 1981 Assembly, "Go back to your constituencies and prepare for government", fell on many deaf or frightened ears.

There is a constant thread in Steel's career. The Lib-Lab pact in March 1977 was an early education for him. It was born of expediency — when Labour lost its majority both parties faced the prospect of electoral humiliation. But beyond a glimpse of the corridors of power the Liberals gained little and lost ground in the 1979 election. At one point Liberal MPs only narrowly decided to continue with the pact; had they decided otherwise Steel knew that he would have to resign. Mr Grimond was probably wiser in calculating that the Labour government should have been allowed to collapse, as this would have advanced the prospects for realignment.

Steel had a second chance in 1981 when he persuaded Roy Jenkins not to join the Liberals but to entice disillusioned Labour voters and MPs to the separate SDP. He also agreed that Roy Jenkins would be the prime minister designate in a future Alliance government. But this liaison had a sticky end. Jenkins did not have a good election in 1983 and, under grassroots pressure, Steel summoned a mid-campaign summit at his Ettrick Bridge home. He planned to take over the leadership and had a letter of renunciation prepared for Mr Jenkins. The latter refused and Mr Steel had to settle for assuming a higher profile in the media.

With 25 per cent of the vote but only 23 seats the Alliance was still irrelevant in the new parliament of 1983. The strain of leading a London party from his home in Scotland and bringing up a young family should not be underestimated. A weary Mr Steel took a sabbatical and that is when he should have gone. He must have known his strategy of expanding support for the centre-left was doomed when David Owen became SDP leader.

The strain of trying to work with the non-collegial Dr Owen and the sniping from Liberals who felt that he was too compliant to the doctor taxed his patience. Steel was tougher with his party than with Owen. Perhaps he should have been more confrontational with the latter. By 1987 Owen was near to despising Steel yet paranoid about the Liberal leader plotting against him. The Alliance idea was essentially the product of the friendship between Steel and Jenkins and never advanced once Owen arrived.

The dual leadership strategy was futile. It was David Steel who said that the two men looked like Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Mr Steel could never have delivered his party to support a minority Conservative government. When he spoke of insisting on the resignation of Mrs Thatcher he was slapped down by Dr Owen. The verdict of John Pardoe was that the election campaign diminished both men.

Few of Steel's friends would praise his performances in Parliament or on the platform. But his essential moderation and reasonableness came over well on television. It is thanks to his patience and tenacity that the Liberal party has moved from the shores of protest to the shores of power. In recent years he became inattentive to the fine detail of policy and to the mood of his party. This had disastrous results in the Liberal Assembly resolution on defence in 1986 and in the farcical policy declaration he drew up with Robert Maclennan.

His Liberal critics say that things could have been better had he been bolder. In fact he had a poor hand and played it as well as anybody else would have done. He leaves behind no independent Liberal party, itself a verdict on Grimond's challenge that the party should get on or get out.

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Michael Grade

This taste for censorship

We are promised that the new Broadcasting Standards Council is going to have teeth. But it is worth asking why such a body is suddenly thought so necessary. For the past 30 odd years the governors of the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority have had the power to supervise and control the nation's television. That power has been extensive. In both systems there now exist codes and guidelines covering everything from violence and bad language to impartiality and the treatment of interviewees.

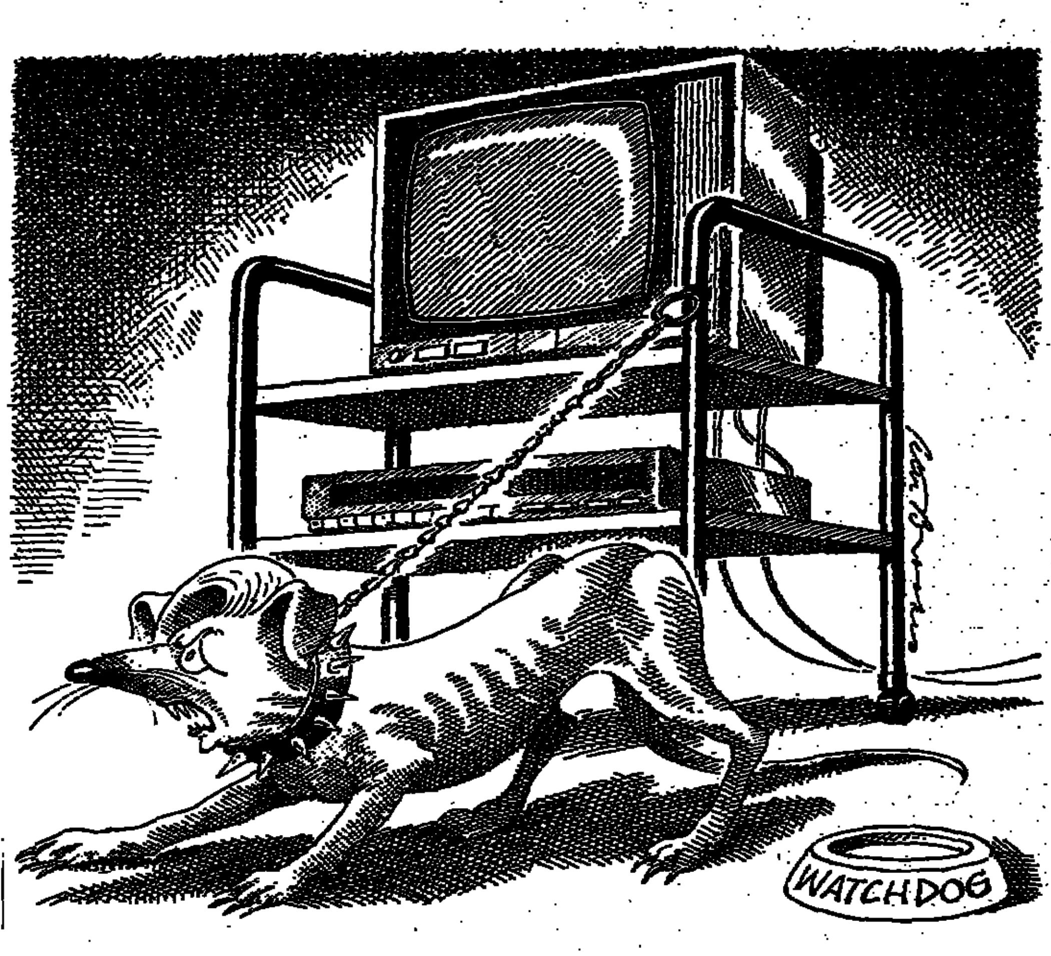
More important, the BBC Governors and the IBA are there to ensure that they are adhered to. And neither body is a mere rubber-stamp of approval for whatever the producers want to do. Beyond these authorities there exists the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, which allows individuals to bring grievances of mistreatment or misrepresentation before a quasi-judicial forum. The hearings are tough, they are detailed, and they deal in hard facts. The adjudications must be broadcast on air.

So why the sudden need for yet another body? First, the Government feels the need to act, to do something, in the face of genuine public concern over law and order. It is widely felt that television is such a powerful and persuasive medium that it *must* have a significant and probably detrimental effect on the nation's behaviour and attitudes. This belief crystallized last autumn at the time of the Hungerford tragedy. The horror was so intense, the location and the victims so English and so ordinary as to produce an immediate need for a clear and compelling explanation.

The papers were quick to supply that explanation. *Rambo*. It was the film that did it. And it was television which showed the film. Ergo television was promoting a diet of unacceptable violence, likely to stimulate real and horrific violence at the hands of unstable viewers. In the cold light of day the explanation didn't stand up for a moment. The wretched Michael Ryan never saw *Rambo* on television, because it had never been shown on television.

The second major motive pressing for a new regulatory authority is, paradoxically, the coming wave of deregulation in broadcasting. The Government needs to persuade itself that deregulation can be undertaken without obvious cultural or social damage. There will soon be more television channels in Britain, from satellite and from new ground-based services. Who will monitor it all? What sanctions are possible against transgressors. All of a sudden the virtue of liberty threatens to run into the vice of unbridled licence.

How would the new council work in practice? It may cause confusion if the council concludes that a particular programme was in some way defective, while the BBC or the IBA maintains that it was not. The governors and the IBA would still be exercising the powers delegated to them by Parliament. What then would be the status of any findings of the BSC? What if the BBC and the IBA publicly disagreed with them. Make no mistake, this is a very serious question.



The BSC will operate not in areas of fact, where evidence can be weighed, but in highly contentious areas of taste and judgement. What are the standards in its title? Whose are they? What if the standards of the BBC and the IBA — formulated through the practical experience of decades of broadcasting — don't coincide with those of the BSC? I get a strong feeling from the secrecy and delay in setting up the BSC that there is some difficulty in resolving these issues. It only fuels anxiety when I read in the papers that the only discussion seems to be a series of secret breakfasts hosted by Sir Jeffrey Sterling, a leading City businessman.

I am surprised and not a little worried that during this long period there has been no consultation whatsoever with the broadcasters.

It has been suggested that the BSC should have the power to preview programmes. This is a power which the IBA very occasionally exercises, the BBC governors on one uniquely painful occasion. The reticence is calculated. It gives the professional broadcasters the proper freedom to produce programmes without pre-censorship or interference. After transmission, the authorities may sit in judgement and make whatever dispositions they wish. The system has worked far better than its detractors give credit for, and it is infinitely preferable to an alternative which would have boards of amateurs involving themselves in the primary business of production.

If the BSC had preview powers, it would be an irresistible temptation for sections of the Press to create controversies around programmes as yet unseen by the public. It is just too easy to set up a spurious impression of general public concern about a production which no one has yet in fact seen, and to build up the pressure that "something must be done". Previewing by third parties is a rotten idea, it leads directly to censorship, and runs directly counter to the freedoms which we have developed and enjoyed over many years.

Lately there have been suggestions that previewing should be confined to "bought-in" material. As a concession it's suggested that foreign — that is American — material is the most potentially dangerous to the nation's mental well-being. The BSC would then have a special role in previewing *Cagney and Lacey*, *Miami Vice* and even 007 James Bond himself. Its members or officers would be deemed to have greater expertise and sensitivity than the professional buyers and programme controllers who have been weeding out excessively violent material for years. Presumably they would then solemnly pass on to the professionals *their* judgement as to what is permissible for a British audience, and what not.

The most difficult decisions in broadcasting are matters of taste. There isn't a single public out there, but many publics, with many and varied expectations and prejudices. A plural broadcasting system should be able to find ways of reaching and satisfying the interests of the great majority of the population. I can't help feeling that the constant criticism of "poor standards" in British television comes from a relatively small section of opinion which regrets the fact that *its* particular views and standards are not the norm for the broadcaster. They are people who themselves seem to watch few programmes, and, perhaps because of that, are susceptible to exaggerate and overemphasize their effect on those who do. They are often elitist and patronizing: they, of course, are not influenced or corrupted by supposedly "bad" television. But they have the duty to act on behalf of the benighted majority who are in moral danger.

Inevitably the BSC will be seen in some quarters as a direct political act, of the government beginning to assume the role of censor. This may in no way be the intention, but if the new system is as confused and divided as I have argued, then government ministers will be under pressure — not least in the press and from the back benches — to resolve the differences of opinion which will arise. The temptation then will be to choose the most agreeable option. That is but a short step from the politicization of broadcasting, and the experiences of France and Italy have shown us how quickly governments of all parties take to the practice of intervention.

On a positive note, I *do* believe there is a role for it to perform. The BSC would be the ideal independent body to coordinate broadcasting research. Instead of shadowing the day-to-day activities of the IBA and the BBC governors, it should stand back and become the focus for longer-term assessments.

I urge the IBA and the BBC regulators to seek an early and urgent meeting with the Home Secretary to demand the promised consultation on the terms of reference — a promise yet to be made good.

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Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Everybody's girl?

Miss Rula Law has been having a hard time these past few weeks. Just about everybody has been laying claim to her. She's been appropriated by the Prime Minister, embraced by the Foreign Secretary, grabbed by the IBA and the BBC, and accosted by just about everyone that has commented upon the goings on in Gibraltar. They all insist that she's their special girl, that only they know her mind, and can legitimately speak in her name.

Rula has been a little embarrassed by all this attention. She's not used to it. She's been accustomed to going about her important business in a quiet, dignified and discreet manner ever since the constitutional lawyer Dicey presented her to an admiring and respectful world over 100 years ago. She'd rather be left alone protecting individual rights and liberties and holding the British Constitution together than be the object of all this courtly attention, especially as, wise lady that she is, she's fully aware that her suitors really want to use her for their own diverse ends.

She certainly does not want a liaison or even an arranged marriage or any special relationship with anyone, not even a prime minister. She's promiscuous by nature, preferring to be everybody's girl than anyone's kept woman. She belongs to us all. She resolutely refuses to grant exclusive rights to anyone. That's part of her charm.

But it's not just that some of the powerful seek to use her for their own purposes. Just as worrying is the way in which her character has been misrepresented. Her name has been taken in vain, her personality distorted. The Prime Minister has been the worst offender in this process of character assassination. She's misinterpreted Miss Rula almost as much as she seems to have misunderstood Master Salmon.

Mrs Thatcher's motives are pure, or appear to be. She affects to be concerned to protect Rula Law. She claims that the poor thing has been "flouted", "undermined" and "attacked", whereas she ought to be "inviolate". In this respect she's one up on Conor Cruise O'Brien who actually suggests that Miss Rula might daily with partiality and turn a blind eye to the way in which the Government deals with IRA terrorists.

But at least he understands the character of our girl. The trouble is the Prime Minister doesn't. She speaks as if Rula Law is just Ms Law, merely responsible for *the law*, any law. She's no such thing. Anyone can be Ms Law. She even exists in the Soviet Union, was to be seen in Franco's Spain, the Colonels' Greece, and Galtieri's Argentina. There's nothing special about her. Indeed, she's often quite different. Rula Law's a better class of person altogether. She's a very grand dame.

Rula is the one that insists that "no man is punishable or can be lawfully made to suffer in body or goods except for a distinct breach of law established in the ordinary legal manner before the ordinary court of the land". It's she who insists, secondly, that "no man is above the law, but (which is a different thing) that here every man, whatever be his rank or condition, is subject to the orderly law of the realm and amenable to the jurisdictions of the ordinary tribunal". As she says, "with us every official, from the Prime Minister down to a constable or a collector of taxes, is under the same responsibility for every act done without legal justification and any other citizen." And it's she who points out that the British Constitution is derived from, rather than the source of, our individual rights.

Rula Law's health, as the Prime Minister acknowledges, is crucial to the maintenance of our freedom. That's why it's important to have a proper understanding of her character. Without that, as Dicey warned, we cannot appreciate the full import of her meaning. The Prime Minister should be aware of this. To misunderstand and to misuse Rula Law, as the Prime Minister has done, is almost as dangerous as a frontal attack on the lady herself.

Whatever else the Prime Minister's irritants in the media may have done, they have not abused Rula Law. *This Week* did not seek to subvert the British Constitution, Lord Thomson has not attempted to put himself above or beyond the reach of the law, and neither the IBA nor the BBC has ever suggested the abolition of the ordinary courts of the land. The only person who is in danger of weakening the charm of our Rula is the Prime Minister. She's doing it by confusing her grandeur with that of common Ms Law and by attempting to use Rula to settle her political accounts when all she really needs is Mistress Polemic.

SCIENCE REPORT

Melting point

Deep-sea sediments from the South China Sea have confirmed that the last ice age came to a sudden end between 13,000 and 14,000 years ago, but do not explain why its ending was so abrupt or why the ice originally formed.

But the new evidence, reported in this week's *Nature*, is important because it suggests that the ending of the ice age coincided with a worldwide change of climate. It comes from W.S. Broecker and five colleagues at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in New York, and from the University of Berne and the Zurich Polytechnic University.

Most other evidence of climatic change 13,000 years ago has been gathered from polar and near-polar regions, mostly in the northern hemisphere.

The new evidence is from a core taken from the sediments on the ocean bottom north of Borneo nearly 2,000 yards deep. The sediments have accumulated only slowly and are rich in the skeletons of planktonic marine animals. The top four yards of the core cover the climatic history of the ending of the ice age, which has been reconstructed by the radiocarbon dating of plankton debris.

One striking finding is that the rate at which sediments accumulated on the sea bottom was abruptly cut by a half just 13,000 years ago. The most likely explanation, the authors say, is that the arid conditions of the ice age gave way to a climate allowing the rain forests of south-east Asia to flourish, reducing the rate at which the land surface would have been eroded.

Richard Leadbetter

Further proof of sudden climatic change 13,000 years ago comes from the abrupt decline in the sediments of some plankton and the increase of others. But the dates of these changes are not consistent; the researchers say they cannot tell from them alone a likely date for the ending of the ice age.

While the new evidence supports the general view that the ice age's end was more abrupt than its onset, there will be controversy about the world-wide character of the climatic change and its causes.

On the simultaneity of the changes, a French team reported last year a similar analysis of two sediment cores from off the coasts of Ireland and Portugal which were said to point to a slow retreat of a "polar front" towards high latitudes, with the result that the warming of the ocean was 1,500 years later off Ireland than off Portugal. Broecker and his colleagues say the Irish core must be an incomplete record.

The new core also differs from those taken from the north Atlantic in showing no trace of the 1,000 year-long cool period about 11,000 years ago. The explanation offered is that this cool period was confined to the north Atlantic and arose because the St Lawrence, rather than the Mississippi, then became the chief exit for melt-water from the North American ice-cap.

While Broecker and his colleagues are willing to accept that the ultimate cause of the abrupt end may have been a subtle change of the earth's orbit about the sun, which would have accentuated differences between the seasons, they deny the recently popular view that the melting of the ice caps was controlled by the remaining amount of ice cover. Instead, they favour as the immediate cause an abrupt change from one pattern of ocean currents to another, coupled with a substantial increase of water vapour in the atmosphere.

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YESTERDAY'S FUTURE

Mr David Steel's departure from the Liberal Party leadership — whatever the party may precisely be called at the moment — severs one more link with the 1960s. The way the world is still going in the 1980s, it looks as if only by severing most other links with that decade will the new party have much of a chance.

All politicians have to go on are the signs. And the signs from, for example, this week's highly-publicized survey of young people's attitudes — to work, family, personal responsibility, etc — suggest that the day of Mr Steel's Liberalism is done. For a politician who is barely into his fifties, it is remarkable that his great and sole achievement, the Abortion Act, is now 20 years ago.

As a seeker after ministerial office, Mr Steel got nowhere. But hardly any ministers create anything as lasting and influential as Mr Steel's Abortion Act, whatever view one takes of it. But Mr Steel was abortion law reform's symbol rather than its author. The Act would not have been passed had not the Labour Government of the day provided parliamentary time, as it did for those two other great 1960s causes, the abolition of capital punishment and homosexual law reform.

Mr Steel deserves credit — or blame — for his parliamentary guile in pushing the measure through. But if it had not been Mr Steel, it would have been someone like him. Abortion law reform, like those other reforms, was in the liberal air of the time — liberalism with a small "l" being the then dominant faith of the Labour Party and of the most quick-footed Tories.

Mr Steel's triumph with abortion contained the seeds of his later decay. In the 1960s, freedom was trumpeted for virtually every activity except the economic. Economic activity was to be limited and controlled. But with the prices and incomes policies, progressive taxation, and regulatory bodies of the period, economic activity was even more deeply discouraged than it had been.

The problem was that Mr Steel, like most politicians of the time, took economic growth and prosperity for granted. But Mr Steel retained this assumption longer than most of the others. Through almost his entire career, he thought it safe to say nothing of any interest about economic policy, to fail to think about it, and to assume that "Thatcherism" — perhaps because it came from so obviously "illiberal" a figure as Mrs Thatcher — was bound to fail. Dr Owen, whatever mistakes he made, did not make that one.

When Mr Steel did change, it was absurdly abrupt. Suddenly, he agreed the admirable "dead parrot" manifesto with the SDP's Mr Maclennan — at last acknowledging the despised Thatcherite market. Equally suddenly, he abandoned the manifesto once the Liberal Party objected. So when he did stop thinking in the generalities of the 1960s, Mr Steel was being realistic and his party was not.

Who should now be its leader? Small parties need leaders who can attract attention. Lord Grimond did so. Before he did so in a court of law, Mr Jeremy Thorpe did so by presiding over six million votes in February 1974 without the benefit of an alliance. Mr Beith and Mr Maclennan would be incapable of speeding the new party's transformation into government, but highly competent once it was there. With Mr Ashdown, the problem looks the other way about.

Mid-term in a Conservative Government, the centre party is bound to have a revival anyway. To capitalize on it, a leader is needed whom people will notice. All this points to Mr Ashdown. His leadership could produce triumph or disaster. The public tends to notice either. The new party has no choice but to opt for Mr Ashdown in the hope that it will be triumph. That does not solve the problem, however, of a party which regards the dominant economic philosophy of the 1980s as a dead parrot.

THE LATE THIRD MAN

The master spy from the English Establishment, who embraced the ideals and methods of the Soviet State and accepted its largesse, died as he might have chosen, a hero in his adopted country. Here, his epitaph will read: Kim Philby — murderer and unrepentant traitor. No less, and no more.

In coming months and years there will be no lack of people ready to plead in mitigation of Philby, even in the country he betrayed so lethally. It will be said that in his initial acts of treachery he merely conformed to the spirit of his age — an age in which intellectual internationalism was preferred to nationalism, and patriotism went out of fashion.

Such ideals, in a world barely recuperating from the savagery of the First World War and swept by the rise of Nazism and Fascism, had their place. They did not always produce traitors.

Philby's allegiance to the Soviet Union will find understanding among those who saw — and continue to see — Russia only as a valued wartime ally and ignored its tyranny. Philby, they will say, remained loyal to his principles where others lost faith. And so he did, but what principles were those? A true believer might honourably exchange the country of his birth for another. There is no prior requirement to turn traitor.

The idealist, however misguided, will always be the most effective and least easily dissuaded traitor. Philby lived, to the end, apparently untroubled by the spiritual torment that afflicts less single-minded felons. He displayed none of the fleshly weaknesses which exposed his fellow traitors, Burgess and Maclean, to blackmail and subornation.

One may scour his strange upbringing for the origins of his future conduct, but psychohistory cannot excuse a conscious choice. Nor can it limit the damage.

The extent of the harm done by Kim Philby to Britain and to the Western world may never be known. He had on his hands the blood of British secret servicemen and resistance workers. Alone, he tarnished the image of British diplomacy abroad and undermined the integrity of our security services. His activity eroded the trust which had enabled Britain and the United States to wage their common cause of freedom.

There is no need to go further than the claims of Mr Peter Wright to see how long is the shadow that Kim Philby cast across Britain's diplomatic and security services. Not only has valuable energy been dissipated in pursuit of the fourth man and the fifth, but the reputation and morale of many loyal servants of Crown and country has suffered by association with Philby and fellow spies.

If any benefit accrued from the case of Philby, it was minor. It was the lesson that impeccable Establishment credentials, a suave exterior and polished manner were no guarantee of loyalty. Philby, Burgess and Maclean taught that the right exterior and the right connections were no substitute for comprehensive vetting. But that is small consolation. Nor does it necessarily deter the determined and clever idealist.

There is a historical neatness about the death of Kim Philby. Even as he died, a new generation of Soviet leaders was preparing to shed some of the internationalist and egalitarian ideas that Philby had served with such devotion. To the end, the third man was also a lucky man. He did not live to see his dream shattered. But he did not see it realized either.

SPRINGTIME IN PARIS

After two years of cohabitation, France is anxious to see a perfect marriage made in Paris. But as silence descended last night, it looked as if the electorate might have to wait awhile to see whether their hopes for a political union had been fulfilled.

President Mitterrand, newly installed for seven more years at the Elysée, has come up with a natural choice for his Prime Minister. Accustomed during the last two years to playing the role of France's eldest statesman, M. Mitterrand fought the election on a unity ticket. He was seeking, he assured the voters, a government to bring the nation together — centrist, humane and pragmatic.

In Michel Rocard, he had the right partner to help him realize this. M. Rocard, more Social Democrat than Socialist, has represented to most Frenchmen the acceptable face of the left. While ill at ease among the grass roots of his own party, he reflected common sense and political integrity.

Clearly, he and M. Mitterrand need each other. Seven years ago, M. Rocard upset the party hierarchy by bidding to become the Socialist presidential candidate. If he still cherishes this dream of entering the Elysée as French President, he might need the support of his old rival, M. Mitterrand in 1995. Though tactically no match for his senior partner, M. Rocard stands, at 57, to derive great political benefit from their relationship.

That is to say, he will if he gets the chance. His intention (and that of the President) is to form a broadly-based government, combining politicians from the moderate left and the centre-right, with apolitical professionals and technocrats. One problem, however, is that his own show has a rival attraction. That is the battle for the leadership of the Socialist Party — in which two of President Mitterrand's former prime ministers, Messieurs Pierre Mauroy and Laurent Fabius, are now engaged.

More serious, however, is the reluctance of many centre-right politicians to oblige President Mitterrand's ambitions by joining his banner. Some seem likely to refuse to break ranks as individuals, deserting their cause for the sake of personal advancement in high office. Faced with this principle of "one for all and all for one", M. Rocard might find it hard to get all the ministers he wants. This being the case, he might have to fill up their places with more Socialists.

This would not be, however, the kind of administration which President Mitterrand seeks — or which he promised France. Would he then feel obliged to call a parliamentary election? The polls show that not only do most Frenchmen favour an election, to clear the decks after voting for their President, but that the party to emerge with a majority would be the Socialist Party.

But the last thing this Socialist President wants is a new enthusiastic intake from the left in the National Assembly. Nor, presumably, does M. Rocard — who gets on better with those outside his party than those within it. Both men seek to govern their country through a kind of consensus, in which all will be sweetness and light.

It is probably in British interests that they succeed in their endeavours — and that M. Rocard will remain in the Hotel Matignon for a while. In an interview earlier this year, he made clear his friendship for this country, his enthusiasm for Europe and his preference for multilateral defence — rather than the recent emphasis on the Franco-German axis (which has been greeted with displeasure in Downing Street). After the combative M. Chirac, the charming, intellectual M. Rocard might help to promote a new *entente cordiale*. As he and President Mitterrand struggle to put together their government, this country has thus some reason to wish them well.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sinhalese refugee and sanctuary

From the Bishop of Manchester and others

Sir, As presidents of the Greater Manchester Ecumenical Council, we are writing in support of the plea of Viraj Mendis that he should not be deported back to Sri Lanka, his country of birth (report, May 9).

Viraj has now been in refuge in the Church of the Ascension, Hulme, for 16 months. He is there because he has a reasonable and well-founded belief that his life would be in danger if the Home Office deportation order against him were to be enforced in the present troubled conditions in the island.

Although Viraj is a Sinhalese and not a Tamil, he is well known in Sri Lanka as one who has supported the Tamil cause. Whatever the assurances offered by the Sri Lankan government, increasing lawlessness sets limits to its power to ensure the safety of Viraj.

His appeal against the result of last year's judicial review was heard in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Whatever the result of this appeal, we ask that the Home Secretary exercise his right of discretion in this case, and allow Viraj to remain on compassionate grounds.

We appreciate that there is some anxiety on the part of the Home Office about the possible growth of a sanctuary movement in the United Kingdom, brought about as a result of increasingly restrictive immigration legislation. It is our own belief that refuge in a religious building should only be offered in cases of life and death, and that Viraj Mendis comes into this category.

Yours,
†STANLEY MANCHESTER,
JOHN BURGON,
A. G. BURNHAM,
R. HOAR,
K. HOBBS,
†PATRICK SALFORD,
†FRANK STOCKPORT,
F. TURNER,
Bishopscourt,
Bury New Road,
Manchester 7.
May 12.

From the Reverend David Haslam

Sir, Sanctuary is a concept which may no longer exist in British law, as Mr Renton, Home Office minister, said according to your report of May 9 on the case of Viraj Mendis. It is, however, a principle which exists in morality and theology as a place of withdrawal, of at least limited safety, giving an opportunity for a fresh appraisal before any harsh action is taken which may later appear to have been unjust, unnecessary or wrong.

The Community and Race Relations Unit of the British Council of Churches has issued a statement on sanctuary as a discussion document which suggests sanctuary may most effectively fulfil its purpose if, in cases of threatened deportation, there is a well-founded fear of persecution, a serious threat to family life or gross injustice would ensue. So far there has been an almost entirely positive response from local churches who have made use of the statement.

Mr Mendis is a vigorous exponent of personal and political causes in which he believes. Having met him more than once, I find him gracious, sensitive and intelligent. I also have some fundamental disagreements with his political beliefs.

What if Mr Mendis, having been forcibly removed from a Manchester church and put on a plane to Colombo were, two, three or six weeks after he arrived, to be detained, attacked, or just "disappeared"? How would anyone concerned with Mr Mendis's case, including Mr Renton, then sleep at nights?

Sanctuary exists not only to protect Mr Mendis but also Mr Renton from the folly of action which may be within the law but outside the realm of common humanity.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HASLAM,
Community & Race Relations Unit,
The British Council of Churches,
35-41 Lower Marsh, SE1.

'Bogus' colleges

From the Director of the UK Council for Overseas Student Affairs

Sir, Yet again the Home Office has taken action against students attending what are alleged to be bogus business schools (report, May 9). There is indeed a major loophole which needs to be closed, but it is not in the immigration rules, which are quite clear in their definition of genuine students; rather it is a gap in education legislation which allows unscrupulous operators to establish colleges with no academic facilities at all.

It is a scandal that any two people can open a "college", recruit abroad, and exploit many bona fide students as well as allowing some individuals to abuse the immigration rules, without once having to satisfy an appropriate body of their authenticity. There are many thousands of genuine overseas students studying both in State and private colleges in Britain whose good name is needlessly besmirched.

Up till now the Department of Education and Science has refused to introduce legislation into the Education Reform Bill that would require private colleges to seek accreditation from one of the schemes presently operating.

Doing so would involve minimal cost to government. It would also close a loophole that allows abuse and make the administration of the immigration rules easier both for the Home Office and thousands of genuine overseas students.

Finally and most importantly, it would be a clear gesture of support to the many reputable private colleges whilst giving a signal to those whose only interest is a quick financial return that the Government is determined to act in the interests of British education.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. MASHETER, Director,
UK Council for Overseas Student Affairs,
60 Westbourne Grove, W2.

Hidden treasures

From the Director of the National Museum of Wales

Sir, I was very concerned to read Mr Rodney Brangwyn's letter of May 9. When Mr Brangwyn visited the National Museum of Wales last summer nearly all our art galleries at our main building in Cathays Park were closed for the first phase of a major programme of air-conditioning and renovation.

However, our two most important paintings by Frank Brangwyn — "The Tank" and "Big Guns" — were and still are hanging in the museum's great hall. "The Entry of the Welsh Troops into Jerusalem" is also on public display at the Welch Regiment Museum at nearby Cardiff Castle, while a fourth painting, "The Mosque" is on display at Parc Howard, Llanelli.

The other seven oils in our collections, because of pressure of space, are not all stored in the main building. Within the financial straits in which we now work, we do not have the staff or facilities to make available pictures from store without reasonable notice.

The museum has almost finalised its plans for a major extension to the main building which will virtually double the space available for display of our art collections. When this scheme has received final approval from the Secretary of State for Wales and has been completed, all the works that we have by this distinguished artist will be able to take their proper place on permanent public display.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DYKES, Director,
National Museum of Wales,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.
May 10.

Centre solace

From Mr Adrian Slade

Sir, In your editorial of May 4 you suggested that the centre in British politics had collapsed and that the only choice was now between Conservative and Labour. It is possible, therefore that the local elections have come as a disappointment to you.

Far from fulfilling the pundits' prophecies of doom, gloom and annihilation for the Social and Liberal Democrats the results show only a marginal drop from the Alliance's 1984 high point and the general election of last year. Certainly Dr Owen's SDP appears to have been almost extinguished, but in contrast the Democrats have taken control of two more councils, polled around 20 per cent and suffered a net loss of just 60 out of 440 seats fought.

These results confound the opinion poll ratings of 8 per cent for the Social and Liberal Democrats and demonstrate very clearly that overall, where Democrats do the work on the ground, electors continue to elect us and do not want a return to two-party politics. Hardly a collapse.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN SLADE
(Interim Joint President),
Social & Liberal Democrats,
4 Cowley Street, SW1.
May 6.

Community spirit

From Miss Olivia Hames

Sir, I recently left my bicycle securely locked up in a place specifically for cycles outside the Hammersmith shopping centre.

On my return I found that someone had put an extra two locks on the bike — a rather impressive-looking mountain bike — obviously with the intention of returning in darkness to remove all three locks and the bicycle.

I contacted the local police and the officer who arrived promptly on the scene was unable to make any impression on the extra locks with a pair of bolt cutters. Three minutes later a fire engine, summoned by the police officer, came on the scene, sirens flashing. Five firemen and a hacksaw eventually cut through the two extra locks and I was able to ride away.

Despite the mundane nature of the call-out, I detected not a hint of resentment on the part of the police officer nor the firemen who, at 7.30 pm on a Friday evening, might well have had better things to occupy them. They could not have been more helpful or efficient.

If the poll tax, or the community charge to give it its rightful name, has been designed to make each member of the community accountable for services such as this, then I for one will pay willingly.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVIA HAMES,
17 Beverley Road,
Chiswick, W4.

Steps towards a single market

From Mr Anthony Kinch

Sir, Professor Wilkinson's views ("Internal market for terror", May 5) command the greatest respect. Whilst it may not be incorrect to refer to Lord Cockfield and his fellow Commissioners as crusaders, it is certainly misleading to imply that the crusade upon which they are engaged owes its existence solely to the European Commission. It must have escaped Professor Wilkinson's notice that the Single European Act was passed by the Parliament of every individual member state.

The Act expressly defines the internal market as "an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is ensured in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty".

The objective has thus the highest available democratic legitimacy in the European Community. We have little hope of achieving the objective if people of the distinguished eminence of Professor Wilkinson continue to ignore this basic democratic premise.

I do not doubt that Professor Wilkinson has highlighted a very real problem. It is a problem to which the Commission and the governments of member states must address themselves if they are to continue to inhibit the activities of the terrorist, and achieve the objective of "an area without internal frontiers".

Where governments are concerned their rhetoric on European integration far exceeds their performance. They prefer immediately to oppose proposals that they have asked the Commission to make, rather than to seek any available compromise.

For example, the Government has opposed tooth and nail the current proposal relating to the approximation of rates of VAT. Why is it not looking for a compromise on the basis of a series of VAT rate bands starting at zero to 5 per cent instead of 4 per cent to 9 per cent? Because where Europe is concerned there is more political mileage in confrontation, and we the people of Europe will go on paying the price.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KINCH,
36 Greenways,
Beckenham, Kent.
May 8.

From the President of the European Parliament

Sir, It is certainly true that the achievement of a single market in Europe by 1992 could save the European business community a great deal of time and money. It will also benefit the European taxpayer and consumer by the same token, but this is not the only reason for seeking to break down the barriers between nations and peoples in Europe.

It is particularly important that the planned progress towards a single market in Europe should be as democratic and comprehensive as possible. The European Parliament will, over the next few months and years, be involved in examining the proposed legislation connected with this process.

Under the terms of the Single European Act, the European Parliament exercises a significant degree of responsibility over much of the proposed legislation, and is the only democratic forum with the power to propose changes to and, where necessary, delay implementation of such proposed legislation.

The European Parliament ensures that European legislation continues to be debated and decided in the interests of the citizens of the European Community.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY PLUMB, President,
The European Parliament.
2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
May 11.

Spray paint menace

From Mrs J. P. Camp

Sir, The defacing of buildings with spray paint has become a national nuisance. Buildings as diverse and geographically separated as Richmond Castle in Yorkshire and the Georgian terraces off the King's Road have been daubed with paint. The real evil of this is that the paint cannot be removed from stone without sand-blasting at very considerable expense.

Accordingly, would it not be in the public interest, despite the inconvenience to those with legitimate uses for them, if the sale of spray paints was now banned?

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE CAMP,
47 Broomgrove Road,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Legal Aid Bill

From Mr John A. Ballam

Sir, In your report (Parliament, May 5) of Sir Nicholas Lyell moving the second reading of the Legal Aid Bill the implication is that the Legal Aid Board will be independent of the Government.

However, Mr John Pitts, the Chairman, indicates that the chairman's job is to implement Government policy. How then can he or the board be independent?

Yours truly,
JOHN BALLAM,
56 Hamilton Square,
Birkenhead, Wirral, Merseyside.

Favoured nation

From Mr W. V. Lewis

Sir, Oh, how the influx of oriental goods into this country has changed our geographical view of the world. I espied the following notice in the window of a national motor dealer, "Quality spare parts available for British, foreign and Japanese cars".

Yours truly,
W. V. LEWIS,
9 Leadhall Way,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Margate memories

From Mrs Vera Crofts

Sir, I was saddened by your report on Margate (May 6). As a small girl before World War I, the place was near paradise to me. To be trundled out to sea in a horse-drawn bathing machine was delightful. The lovely beach was not overcrowded, except perhaps round the temporary stage where the Jollity Boys performed. They wore white flannels, striped blazers, boaters, sang the latest songs, twanged mandolins and did the old routine. There were Punch and Judy shows, but best of all donkey rides.

Of course we built moated sandcastles. I had a modelling set with which I made sand villages — a church and various houses. There were pleasure cruises, shrimp teas and ice creams.

I shall not spoil my memories by going back.

Yours faithfully,
VERA CROFTS,
1 Bowensfield, Wem, Shropshire.

In other words

From Miss H. M. Sands

Sir, With reference to Philip Howard's column this morning (May 10) my friends and I have been collecting noun-verbs since unfortunate football players began to be "stretchered off" and even "hospitalized". To date our favourites, both seen "postered" at the roadside, are "White-lining in progress" and "Come boot-saling on Saturday".

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE SANDS,
16 Derwent Drive,
Orpington, Kent.

ON THIS DAY

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The Church Association was founded in 1865 to maintain the Protestant ideals of faith and worship in the Church of England. Some nine years later the Public Worship Regulation Act was passed to buttress these ideals, but the imprisonment of four Anglican clergymen for contumacy served to discredit the Act

[ANTI-RITUALISM]

THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION. — The spring meeting of this association was held yesterday, at Willis's Rooms, Mr. J. M. Holt presiding, in the absence of Mr. Andrews. Among those present were Baron de Ferrières, M.P., Sir O. R. Lighton, Admiral Goldsmith, Admiral Sir W. King Hall, Captain the Hon. F. Maude, Canon Clayton, Canon Tugwell, Archdeacon Hunter, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, and Canon Capel. The present position and future policy of the association were set out by the council, and formed the introductory matter laid before the meeting. Since 1865, when the association was formed, valuable results had been attained. Meetings had been held in every part of England. There had been circulated millions of copies of important papers which showed that ritualistic teaching was in direct opposition to the teaching of the Church of England, and public opinion had been roused to such an extent that an Act intended for the suppression of ritualism was passed by large majorities through both Houses of Parliament. Decisions had been obtained from the Ecclesiastical Courts and from the Courts of Appeal declaring the illegality of ritualistic practices on 60 contested points, and a decided check had been given to these practices. The association had yearly increased in the number of branches and supporters. At present there were 398 branches and about 14,000 members. There were important legal points still remaining to be decided, especially as to the power of the Courts to enforce their judgements against defiant clergymen. A clear definition of the punitive powers of the Courts in ecclesiastical causes was also needed. They were of opinion that the present course of legal procedure required to be simplified and amended. Clergy and laity alike needed to be protected by the right of appeal from the absolute power of the Bishop to shield offenders against the law. The attempts which were being made means of by Convocation to weaken the constitutional powers which at present rested with Parliament must be resisted. Increased efforts also were required to arouse the Protestant feeling of the country and to diffuse a wider intelligence among the people at large, especially with reference to the dangers attendant on Ritualism and Rationalism. To further the objects of the association, the council purposed, among other things, to draw up a statement vindicating the position of the association, setting forth the work it has hitherto effected and that which remained to be done . . .

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
May 12: The Duchess of York this evening attended the opening concert of the Images de France Festival at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal visited Milton Keynes today and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremantle, RN).

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the Territorial Army Centre at Blakelands and was received by the Chairman, Eatern Wessex TA and Volunteer Reserve Association (Colonel T May).

The Princess Royal later opened the Argos Headquarters (Chief Executive, Dr M Smith) in Central Milton Keynes and was afterwards entertained at luncheon by the Mayor of Milton Keynes (Councillor D Taylor) at the Civic Offices.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the new Food Centre (Chairman, Milton Keynes Development Corporation, the Lord Chilver) and then visited the MacIntyre Project, Great Holm (Chairman, Mr D Berriman).

The Princess Royal, President, the British Olympic Association, this evening attended a dinner at the Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln, given by the local group of the British Olympic appeal and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Mr Henry Nevile).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Malcolm Wallace, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE:
May 12: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases, this evening attended a Gala Performance of *The Magic Flute* in aid of the chairty, at the London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 2nd King Edward VII Own Goorkhas (The Sirmoor Rifles), was reprsented by Field Marshal the Lord Bramall at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Pat Kent which was held at the Garrison of St George, Bulford, Wiltshire this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Edinburgh and was received on arrival at Turnhouse Airport by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor Eleanor McLaughlin, The Right Hon The Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Scottish Children's League which was held at the City Chambers, Edinburgh.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, later visited the Deaconess Hospital and opened the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Lithotripter Centre.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Whitehead and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 12: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Inner London Probation Service, this morning visited the West End Probation Team at 10 Rathbone Place, London W1 and in the afternoon visited the Probation Team at 122-130 Powis Street, Woolwich, London SE18.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Asthma Research Council, was present this evening at a Reception at Staple Inn Hall, London WC1.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 12: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today launched the video-based training package "Making Your Mark" at the BAFTA Conference Centre, Piccadilly, London W1.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 12: Princess Alexandra, President of the Children's Country Holidays Fund, this morning attended the bi-annual Town and Country Meeting at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

This evening, Her Royal Highness was present at a Reception held to celebrate the Centenary of the Jewish Branch of the Children's Country Holidays Fund at Florence Michaels Hall, St John's Wood Synagogue, London NW8.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

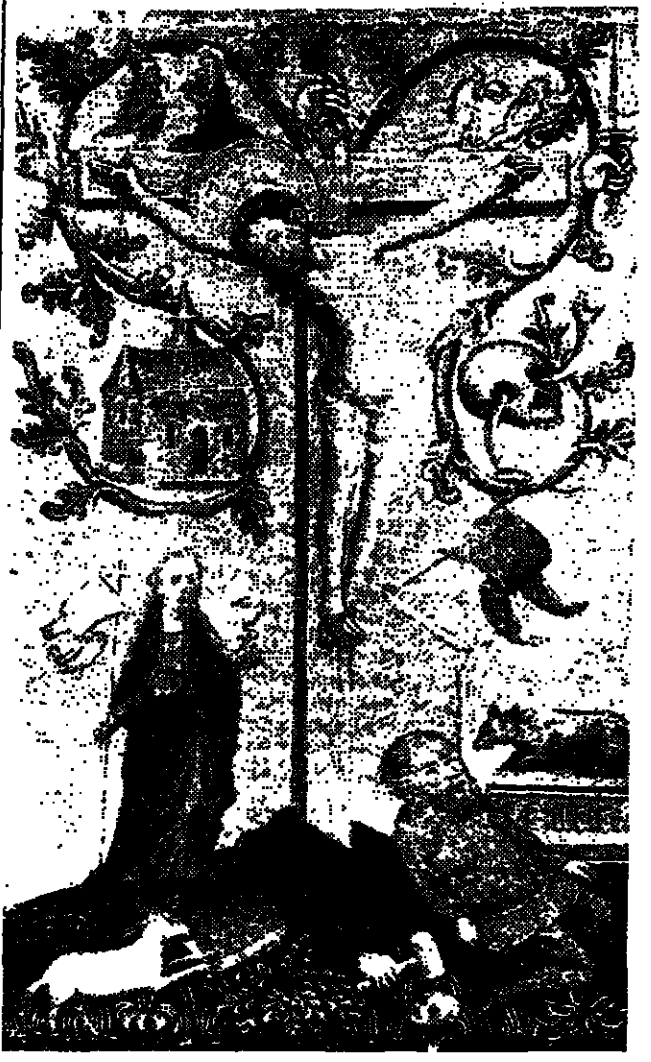
Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment), will visit the 1st Battalion at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh, at 11.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, Cot Death Research and Support, will attend the judging of the Create a Christmas Card Competition at Claridge's hotel at 10.00.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel of the Scots Guards Association, will attend the Surrey branch annual dinner at Pirbright, Surrey, at 7.45.

Princess Alexandra will attend the annual general court of the Royal Humane Society and will present the 1987 Stanhope Gold Medal at Haberdashers' Hall at 2.55; and the sixtieth anniversary annual reunion of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service at the Royal Air Force Club at 6.45.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



"Christ on the Cross", one of two gold ground pictures by an unidentified artist from Westphalia now framed as one with "The Virgin of the Hortus Conclusus": they were painted in the early years of the fifteenth century by an artist who worked in the circle of the painter of the Frondenberg altarpiece.

The paintings are remarkable for their density of iconographic allusion. Thus, the figure of a woman carrying a banner and a chalice with a church above her head stands for Ecclesia, while the slumped man wearing a blindfold and surmounted by a broken banner, above which there is a skull pierced by a serpent with an apple, represents the Synagogue. The lamb with the Book of Revelation with the seals refers to the new religion of Christ. The painting is on show at the Thyssen-Bornemizca Collection of Old Masters, sponsored by *The Times*, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.L. Brash
and Miss C.A. Vicary
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs R. Brash, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Camilla, elder daughter of the late Colonel A.G. Vicary and of Mrs Valerie Vicary, of Winsford, Somerset.

Mr T.J. Catton
and Miss N.J. Severn
The engagement is announced between Timothy John, son of Mr and Mrs John Catton, of Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire, and Nicola Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Severn, of South Newington, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.N. Crump
and Miss M.C.T. Howell
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs N. Crump, of 21 Kingsway Road, Leicester, and Clare, elder daughter of the late Dr J.N.H. Howell and Mrs D.M. Howell, of 22 Hill Court, Hanger Lane, London, W5.

Mr P.J.D. Halfpenny
and Miss A. Doble
The marriage will take place on Saturday, May 14, at Feock Parish Church, Cornwall, of Paul James Dash Halfpenny to Alison Doble.

Mr S.P. Hebert
and Miss C.V. Hollander
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Hebert, of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Carol, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christaan Hollander, of New York.

Mr M.S. Elias
and Miss C.M.R. Carpenter
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Stafford Nissim Elias, of New York, New York, and Claire, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Rees Carpenter, of Cardiff.

Mr N. Logan Green
and Miss R.L. Herrod
The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Green, of Alwoodley, Leeds, and Rosanne Louise, younger daughter of His Honour Judge Herrod, QC, and Mrs Herrod, of Linton, Yorkshire.

Mr G.D.A. Spooner
and Miss S.J. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P.A. Spooner, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.F. Thompson, of Bulcote, Nottingham.

Mr M.R.E. Tomlinson
and Miss J.M. Cobb
The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Tomlinson, of Armathwaite, Cumberland, and Joanna, elder daughter of the Rev Peter and Mrs Cobb, of Magor, Gwent.

Mr J.F.J. Easton
and Miss E.S. Parker
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs James Easton, of Brussels, and Sutton, Surrey, and Elisabeth, daughter of Mr Anthony Parker, of Drumathol, Southwick, by Dumfries, and the late Mrs J.M. Parker and stepdaughter of Mrs Alison Parker.

Marriages

Mr D.W.H. Farmer
and Mrs J.J. Hutchinson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 7, 1988 in London between Mr David Farmer and Mrs Johanna Hutchinson (née Seligman).

Mr R.P.C. Hillyard
and Mrs S. Chisholm
The marriage took place quietly on May 12, in London between Mr Robin Hillyard and Mrs Sukie Chisholm.

Luncheon

National Children's Home
Viscount Tonypandy, Chairman of the National Children's Home, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. Miss Nerys Hughes vice-president, Mr Michael Newman and Mr John Gray also spoke. Among those present were:

Lord Boardman, Sir Leonard Smith, Lieutenant-Commander Ian Wellesley-Harding, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, the Rev Frank Topping, Mr Frank Coven, Mr and Mrs Robert Powell, Mr Cyril Robinson, Mr Kenneth Rushton and Mr Neville Shulman.

Receptions

YWCA
Lord and Lady Grade were the guests of honour at a reception held at Helen Graham House, Great Russell Street, last night by the Young Women's Christian Association of Great Britain. Mrs Joyce Scroxton, president, Miss F. Elizabeth Sharples, executive director, and Mrs Jenny Cooper, president of London and Southern England region, received the guests.

Conference for Independent Further Education
Lord Beloff, President of the Conference for Independent Further Education, held a reception last night at the Reform Club for headmasters and headmistresses of independent schools. Mr Robert Rhodes James, MP, also spoke.

Dinners

Victoria Cross and George Cross Association
Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, was the guest of honour and speaker at the biennial dinner of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association held last night at the Café Royal. Rear-Admiral B.C.G. Place, VC, chairman, Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Mr R.A.S. Bywater also spoke. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Sir Ralph Anstruther, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, and government representatives from Australia, Canada, India and Nepal.

Chief Constables' Club
Earl Ferrers, Minister of State for Home Affairs, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chief Constables' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Stuart Whiteley, Chief Constable of Suffolk, presided.

Association of Average Adjusters
Mr D.J. Wilson, chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Sheen were among the guests.

Parish Clerks' Company
Mr John Prodger, Master of the Parish Clerks' Company, presided at the Election Day dinner held last night at Grocers' Hall. Mr S.J. Murphy and Mr D.E. Wood, Secretary of the Rugby Football Union, also spoke.

Chartered Building Societies Institute
The President of the Chartered Building Societies Institute, Mr Bernard Rozier, was the host last night at the annual dinner of the institute at the Hilton International hotel on Park Lane, London. The guests of honour were Sir George Young, MP, and Mr T.R. Lloyd-Williams, general manager of the Guardian Royal Exchange. Other guests included members of the institute, their guests and the representatives of other professional bodies.

Service dinners

Royal Naval College, Greenwich
Dame Mary Donaldson was the guest speaker at a dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Commander A.M. Croxford, Commander of the college, presided.

The Royal Highland Fusiliers
The Officers of The Royal Highland Fusiliers held their annual dinner at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, last evening. Major-General R.L.S. Green, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

RAF Chaplains Branch
The Rev Michael Hucker, Principal Chaplain, welcomed the guests at the annual dinner of the RAF Chaplains Branch (Church of Scotland and Free Churches) held last night at Amport House. Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones, Air Member for Personnel, and the Rev Fraser Maclennan also spoke.

Birthdays today

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, explorer and genealogist, 44; Miss Eileen Diss, theatrical designer, 57; Dame Daphne du Maurier, novelist, 81; Colonel and Alderman Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe, former Lord Mayor of London, 71; Dr Jane Glover, conductor, 39; Sir John Habakuk, former principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 73; Sir John Johnston, diplomat, 70; Sir Laurence Kirwan, archaeologist, 81; Mr Peter Langan, restaurateur and writer, 47; the Earl of Leven and Melville, 64; Mr M.S. Lipworth, chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 57; Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, Prime Minister of Fiji, 68; Sir Paul Osmond, civil servant, 71; the Earl of Perth, 81; Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 42; Sir Alfred Pugsley, civil engineer, 85; Group Captain Dr M.O. Richardson, former commandant, Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, 80; Miss Selina Scott, broadcaster, 37; Marquess Townshend, 72; Mr Stevie Wonder, singer, 38.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lord Woolfson to be a trustee of the Imperial War Museum in succession to Sir John Nott, whose term of office has expired.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy to be Controller of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund from August 1. He succeeds Sir Alasdair Steedman, Controller since 1981.

Mr Frank Steele to be president of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland in succession to Professor Sir Cyril Philips.

Mr Walter Gervin, aged 49, Deputy Chief Constable of Dorset, to be Chief Constable of the Wiltshire police force in succession to Mr Donald Smith.

University news

Woman pro-vice chancellor for Bristol

Professor Phyllida Parsloe, professor of social work at Bristol University, has been appointed the woman's first woman Pro-Vice-Chancellor. She will take up her appointment on August 1. Professor Parsloe worked as a probation officer and a psychiatric social worker before being appointed to a lectureship at the London School of Economics. She has held the posts off associate professor at the school of law, Indiana Universsity, and of professor of social work at Aberdeen University.

Stowe School

The Roxburgh Trust, which administers funds raised on behalf of Stowe School, is delighted to announce the achievement of its first million pounds. This initial target was reached on Saturday, May 7, two days after Stowe celebrated the centenary of the birth of its founding Headmaster J.F. Roxburgh. The trustees and the governors of the school are extremely grateful to all those Old Stoics, parents and friends who have been so generous in their support.

Merchant Taylors' School

A service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the Merchant Taylors' School will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, May 27, at 2.30pm. Tickets for reserved seating may be obtained from the Triennial Secretary, Merchant Taylors' School, Sandy Lodge, Northwood, Middlesex.

Nevill Holt School

There will be a reunion luncheon on Saturday, June 18, for Old Boys who left Nevill Holt School before 1964. Any Old Boy who has not received an invitation should contact Mr David Phillips at Nevill Holt, Market Herborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8EG or telephone (085 883)234.

Domesday books at £185 a copy

Facsimile copies of the Domesday Book, which the Normans painstakingly compiled after invading Britain, go on sale next week at £185 a copy.

A team of 46 experts began work on reproducing the book four years ago when the 900-year-old manuscript was carefully taken apart to preserve it in two volumes instead of one.

The new edition has been produced county by county, using new technology to reproduce the delicate pages and with a few extra maps.

Mr Joe Studholm, managing director of the publishers, Alecto Historical Editions, said: "It was only through the decision the Keeper of Public Records to unbind the Domesday manuscript and rebind it of that we were able to make a perfect facsimile."

Memorial services

Brigadier S.P.M. Kent
The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief 2nd King Edward VII's Goorkhas, was represented by Field Marshal Lord Bramall at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Pat Kent on Thursday, May 12, at the Garrison Church of St George, Bulford Camp. The Rev J.S. Cross officiated and General Sir John Chapple, Colonel of the Regiment, gave the address. Among those present were:

Mrs Kent (widow), Mr Peter Kent and Mr Graham Kent (sons), Lady Bramall, Lady Chapple, Major Richard Hungerford, (representing the 6th Rajputana Rifles, I A), and Mrs Hungerford, and many other friends and colleagues.

Marchioness of Cambridge
A memorial service for the Marchioness of Cambridge was held yesterday at St Mary's, Great Abingdon, Cambridge. The Rev Dr Geoffrey Turner officiated and Mr Peter Whitley, son-in-law, read the lesson.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alighieri Dante, Florence, 1265; Maria Theresa, empress, Queen of Hungary and Bohemia 1740-80, Vienna, 1717; Sir Arthur Sullivan, London, 1842; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, Almora, India, 1875; Georges Braque, Cubist, Argenteuil, France, 1882; Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion 1937-49, Lexington, Alabama, 1914.

DEATHS: Baron Georges Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Paris, 1832; John Nash, architect and town planner, Cowes, 1835; Fridtj Nansen, explorer and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Lysaker, Norway, 1930; Frances Hodgkins, artist, Dorchester, 1947; Gary Cooper, Los Angeles, 1961.

The total collapse of the German economy, 1927. Forces of Germany and Italy in Africa surrendered, 1943.

Royal Society of Physicians

The following have been elected fellows of the Royal Society of Physicians:

David Alexander Ferguson, Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney, Australia; Rolf McMillan Gunnar, Professor of Medicine and Chairman of Department of Medicine, Maywood, Illinois, USA; Eric Nightingale Campbell Milne, Professor and Chief of Chest Radiology, Department of Radiological Sciences, University of California, USA; Horst Klinkmann, Rostock, German Democratic Republic; Robert William Stout, Craigavad, Holywood, Co Down; Cheng Heng Kock, consultant paediatrician and Head, Department of Paediatrics, Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore; Stephen Roger Wild, Edinburgh; Neil McIntosh, London NW8; Ng Han Seong, consultant physician and Deputy Head, Department of Medicine, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore.

Dr Barnardo's

A charity preview performance of the new musical *Winnie*, in aid of Barnardo's, Children's Legal Centre, Children's World and New Parent Infant Network, will be given at 7.45 pm on Tuesday, May 24, at the Victoria Palace Theatre, London. Tickets, from £15 to £40, are obtainable from Mrs C. Wilson, 26 Tierney Road, London SW2 4QR. Telephone: 01-674 4500.

Call to save musical dog's grave

A campaign has been launched by an historian to try and save the grave of a dog made famous by Sir Edward Elgar.

Dan, a bull terrier, and his owner, the Hereford Cathedral organist Dr George Sinclair were featured by the great composer in the 11th Enigma Variation.

Dan used to attend choir practices with his master and would growl at choristers who sang out of tune.

Hereford Conservative Club, which owns Dr Sinclair's former fifteenth-century house in Church Street, Hereford, is applying for planning permission to build eight shops on the adjoining garden in which Dan is buried.

His grave marked by a headstone in the north-east corner would be obliterated by the development.

Mr Jacob O'Callaghan, author of a book about Elgar's associations with Hereford, has called on local people to protest to the city council.

"This garden is so closely associated with Elgar that it would be scandalous if this were allowed to happen", he said.

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OBITUARY

SIR GEORGE GORDON LENNOX

Gallant Grenadier at Anzio

Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, KBE, CB, DSO, whose career spanned commanding Grenadier Guards while personally wounded at Anzio in 1944; being commandant at Sandhurst and director-general of military training at the War Office in the Sixties; and ended up with his being GOC-in-C Scottish Command, died on May 11, at the age of 79.

He was the third son of the seventh Duke of Richmond and Gordon and was for 13 years Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders.

It was as a 35 year-old Guards colonel in an action beating off a fierce German counter-attack a few days after the Allied landings on the Anzio Beachhead that Gordon Lennox, wounded in the leg by enemy fire at Carroceto, still carried on directing the battle lying on a stretcher mattress in the open, with a radio set by his side.

That defence action was successful and the Germans' chief objective of cutting off the Allies' supply line down the main road from Anzio to Carroceto was for the time frustrated by a far smaller number of Grenadier Guards.

Gordon Lennox had already been awarded the DSO in July 1943 while commanding the 5th Battalion the Grenadier Guards in North Africa.

Born in London, Gordon Lennox was educated at Eton before going on to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1928. He was to serve with them until 1952.

In the Twenties he was for three years one of the four pages of honour of King George V.

He served in France and the end of the Second World War found him in India. In 1947 he was appointed commanding officer of the 2nd Grenadier Guards in Germany.

He took charge of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, in 1960 and after three years there was made director-general of training at the War Office.

He went to Scotland as GOC-in-C in 1964.

In 1952 Gordon Lennox had purchased the ruined fifteenth-century Gordon Castle and the estates at Fochabers, Morayshire, developing them as farms and market gardening. In 1976, when Fochabers celebrated the 200th anniversary of its resiting Gordon Lennox managed personally to persuade Yehudi Menuhin to come and give a recital there.

He leaves a widow, Nancy, and two sons

A brother officer writes:

Geordie Gordon Lennox was above all else a devoted Guardsman and Grenadier. He was an outstanding natural soldier with an unerring sense of what did or did not work on the battlefield and with the born commander's rapid and accurate eye for tactical possibilities.

Fearless and energetic, he both taught and inspired all whom he led.

With the Grenadiers in North Africa and Italy he was recognized as an impeccable battalion commander, thorough, ingenious, careful of his soldiers' lives and spirits, professionally a master.

A man of complete integrity and unshakeable moral courage, he would never accept an unsound plan or a foolish order, and, since he was as clear-headed as he was strong-minded, he was impossible to talk round or to face down.

He brought the same qualities to his roles after the war.

To a rare degree he would delegate, trust, abstain from interference and subsequently shoulder all responsibility himself if errors had occurred.

Of striking good looks and a figure of unchanging youthfulness, he appeared generally formidable, and had a steady, penetrating gaze. But this impact was tempered by considerable humour and kindness of heart.

MR LAURENCE SICKMAN

Mr Laurence Sickman, the American internationally-renowned expert on Chinese traditional art, particularly painting, died in Kansas City on May 7 aged 81.

A friend of Harold Acton, who shared his love of China, Sickman as a young man had the opportunity to wander all over north China, taking photographs, absorbing Chinese culture, and acquiring pieces for what was to become the Nelson Gallery of Art, Kansas City, which he developed over half a century into one of the great American museums.

Some of the most select paintings Sickman acquired directly from Pu Yi, the last Emperor of the Qing Dynasty — recently the subject of the Bertolucci film.

Having lived in the Forbidden City until 1924, Pu Yi had taken refuge in the Japanese compound at Tianjin, and treasures from the emperor's personal collection had travelled with him from Peking.

Sickman recounted that Pu Yi was more interested in trying out his new Japanese motorbike, leaving him to look at paintings on his own, and coming round from time to time to see how he was doing.

Sickman, who came from Denver, Colorado, had, after graduating at Harvard University in 1930, gone to work as an agent for art purchases in China.

Between the world wars pieces of China's artistic heritage were appearing, without any record of their provenance, among the antique dealers of Peking.

Sickman, who enjoyed the use of an aeroplane, had the rare opportunity, and the knowledge, to save masterpieces which were in danger of being irretrievably dispersed.

In the late 1930s, fragments of early sixth century AD limestone bas-reliefs appearing in Peking were recognised by Sickman, who organized efforts to reunite them.

The two resulting panels of *The Empress as Donor with Attendants*, each some six-feet high and nine-feet long, from the Binyang cave of the Longman cave temples were acquired by the Nelson Gallery and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

It was Sickman's idea the collections at the Nelson Gallery, where he was first curator from 1935 to 1945 and director from 1946 to 1977, should display Chinese art, whether sculpture, wall painting, hand scrolls and hanging scrolls, furniture and the minor arts, in context to make them into a believable ensemble.

During the 1939-45 War he served in army combat intelligence in the Far East and later as adviser in the arts and monuments section at General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokio.

Sickman was a distinguished scholar as well as a gifted museum curator. In 1956 he published in the Pelican History of Art series *The Art and Architecture of China*, in collaboration with Alexander Soper, which remains the most authoritative guide on the subject and has gone into several editions.

MR ESMOND DRURY

Robert Esmond Hill Drury, DSO, MC, a salmon fisherman of legendary repute, has died at the age of 77.

The son of a fox-hunting parson, he had a profound understanding of the countryside and its pursuits, which he delighted to instil into others.

Educated at Monkton Combe and Jesus College, Cambridge, he joined the Territorial Army and later the Glosters, and served throughout the Second World War, in tanks in North Africa and Italy.

His prowess as a fly fisherman was publicly demonstrated in 1953, when at the invitation of Hardy Bros, the fishing tackle manufacturers, he cast into the Thames from the roof of the Savoy Hotel.

His speculations on the mentality of the salmon were ingenious and his inventiveness as a fisherman almost unlimited.

To overcome the widespread objection to fishing with the prawn, he devised the "general practitioner", a concoction of feathers from a golden pheasant (hence the "GP") and pig's bristle, which looked like a prawn, but was unquestionably a fly.

His patented "Esmond Drury Treble Fly Hook" is a household word among anglers.

He demonstrated the superiority of white as the colour for a floating fly-line by donning a wet suit and viewing the line from underneath, finding it invisible against the sky.

He thought a first-class salmon rod, like a first-class gun, should be made to measure, and he designed his own carbon-fibre rods, to prove his point.

He expressed his theories and observations in language of enjoyable clarity, as can be seen from his many articles in *The Field*, *The Salmon and Trout Magazine*, and the *Fly Fishers' Journal*.

For years he conducted his "casting clinic" on Fishermens Row at the Game Fair, where queues of hitherto-frustrated anglers found their shortcomings swiftly removed.

In 1963 he set up his fishing school in a large caravan in the garden of his Lincolnshire home.

Drury's first wife died in 1958, leaving him two sons and a daughter. He later married Katie, an angler of ability, who survives him.

DR HANS POPPER

Dr Hans Popper, the Viennese-born doyen of liver pathologists the world over, died in New York on May 6 at the age of 84.

For 40 years he worked on all aspects of the subject, raising it to a major clinicial and scientific speciality. He made important contributions to the fields of auto-immune drug-induced and alcoholic liver disease.

In recent years Popper was particularly interested in viral hepatitis, liver transfers and the mechanisms underlying the development of cirrhosis. He contributed work until a few weeks before his death.

Amongst his research Popper showed that the liver was the only organ in the human body which does not deteriorate with age. This had major ramifications for liver transplants.

Popper, who went to work in the United States because of the Nazis, was a frequent visitor and lecturer at the University of London, chiefly at the Royal Free Hospital.

He was renowned as a teacher and trained many of today's leading international figures in his field.

Popper's scientific eminence went with a powerful personality and a strong Viennese accent, which showed no trace of the time he had spent at Oxford as a postgraduate many years before.

Audiences often had to struggle to follow his words but he delighted to point out even German-speaking audiences experienced the same problem with his native German.

Popper had founded the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease in 1949 and the International Association nine years later.

He is survived by his wife, Lina, and two sons.

SIR STANLEY RAYMOND

Dave Bowman, former President NUR, writes:

I was interested in the comment in Sir Stanley Raymond's obituary (May 6) on his dismissal as Chairman of British Rail by Barbara Castle when Minister of Transport.

The evening the deed was done Sir Stanley and his BR colleagues were meeting the National Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen in a crisis meeting on guards' pay. Suddenly the door opened and the meeting was rudely interrupted by the entrance of a uniformed official who handed Sir Stanley a large buff coloured envelope.

After perusing the contents Sir Stanley turned to the NUR representatives and said "Will you excuse me for an hour. I have been urgently summoned to an important meeting." Sidney Greene (now Lord Greene) nodded assent and Sir Stanley made his exit.

Exactly one hour later he returned and without blinking an eyelid resumed the meeting. Only from the next morning's newspapers did we understand the significance of the "summons".

No one ever knew why Barbara Castle tried to humiliate Sir Stanley by calling him out of the meeting but certainly her action was deplored by the whole NUR Executive.

Sir Stanley was a good BR chairman with whom the railway trade unions could work despite serious differences of opinion on occasions. He was a transport man and could discuss with the unions on common ground on railway terminology.

Always a "work horse" he earned his corn as chairman of British Rail and did not deserve such a peremptory dismissal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness —Jeremiah 22 : 3

BIRTHS

BLACKADDER - On May 9th in Edinburgh, to Kate (née MacQueen) and Mark, a son.

COHEN - On May 4th 1988, to Susan (née Kurar) and Elliot, a son.

GILLIES - On May 10th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sarah and Ben, a daughter, Elizabeth.

HAMMILL - On May 8th, to Pippa (née Hinton) and Michael, a daughter, Emma-Louise.

MACINNES - On May 9th, in Sydney, to Clare (née Norton) and Andrew, a daughter, Emma Louise, a sister for Hannah and Amy.

McGAFFIN - On May 6th, 1988, at the Portland Hospital to Julie (née Dittman) and Robert, a son, Madison Gray.

NICKOLDS - On May 6th, to Claudia (née Wondrausch) and Richard, a daughter, Chloë Florence.

SHUTTLEWORTH - On May 5th, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Laura (née Soady) and Roderick, a daughter, Catherine Joanna, a sister for Emily.

SPICKERNELL - On April 21st 1988, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Geraldine (née Finn) and Richard, a daughter Sarah Genevieve, a sister to Nicholas.

STAGG - On May 6th, to Sue (née Nicholls) and Charlie, a son, Guy Montagu Percy, a brother for Helena Rose.

STEVENSON - On May 6th, to Hannah (née Wilson) and Shannan, a son, Maximilian Michael Shannan, a brother for Benjamin.

DEATHS

BRENNAN - On May 11th, peacefully after a long illness, fought with much courage, Richard Andrew (Dick), much loved husband of Babs, also loved by Michael, Sarah and Bethany. Funeral service to be held at St Andrews Church, Tenterden on Tuesday May 17th at 10.30 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired, to League of Friends, Rye & Winchelsea Memorial Hospital, Rye, East Sussex.

CHIPPINDALE - On May 11th 1988, after a short illness, Major W.A.M. (Martin) of Peasmarsh, Rye, Sussex. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

GORDON LENNOX - On Wednesday May 11th, Lieutenant General Sir George, beloved husband of Nan, devoted father of Bernard and David, and much loved grandfather. Funeral for family and local friends in The Gordon Chapel, Fochabers on Tuesday May 17th at 12.00 noon. Family flowers or donations if desired to The Gordon Chapel. Memorial service in the Guards Chapel on Tuesday July 5th at 12.00 noon.

HALL - On May 10th, peacefully at Springview, Enfield, Leonard Arthur, father of Rosalind. Funeral at The Chapel Royal, St James', Tuesday May 17th at 2.30pm. Enquiries to JH Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, SW1.

HARDING - On May 8th, Egerton Charles Francis ("Jim"), at home in London, formerly of Old Springs, Market Drayton. Private cremation. Memorial service to be announced.

HARPER - On May 9th, in the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, after a short illness, Sybil Pamela, wife of the late Derek Harper, greatly loved and respected by her family, many friends and colleagues in television. Service and cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Thursday May 19th, at 3.00pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 9 Pond Street, London NW3 or if preferred, donations to Cancer Research.

HEELEY - On May 11th, peacefully, after a short illness, Mary (née Howlett), dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother and sister. Cremation at Beckenham crematorium on Tuesday, May 17th at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be made to the charity of your choice or to Imperial Cancer Research.

LANGHAM - On May 11th 1988, at the Elizabeth Ellen Nursing Home, Leatherhead, Lorna Beryl (Beryl) in her 80th year, daughter of the late Arthur Cuthbert Langham (Senior) and Lorna B. Langham and dear sister of Arthur. After much suffering, borne with great courage. Lately of Cobham, Surrey and formerly of Erasmus Street, Westminster. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, on Wednesday May 18th at 2pm followed by interment at the Sutton Cemetery. Enquiries, flowers or donations if desired to the R.S.P.B. c/o James and Thomas Ltd, Funeral Directors, Mill Road, Cobham, KT11 3AL.

LLEWELLYN - On May 10th, 1988, peacefully, Florence May, in her 88th year. Widow of Eric Gilbert, much loved mother of David, John and Geoffrey and grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Eastbourne, on Friday May 27th at 2.15pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to St. Wilfrids Hospice, Eastbourne or Queen Alexandra Cottage Homes, Eastbourne.

MORLAND - On May 10th, Margaret Joyce Morland, dearly loved wife of Ben. Funeral private. No flowers, but please send donations to: The Alzheimer's Disease Society, 158-160 Balham High Rd, London, SW12 9BN.

O'MEARA - On May 11th, peacefully in hospital in Croydon, Desmond Victor, husband of Molly, father of Barry and Frances and dear Grandpa of Richard, Simon, James and David. Service at Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road, on Monday May 16th at 12.40pm. Family flowers only please.

O'SHEA - On May 10th, tragically in an aircraft accident in West Germany, Flt Lt John, beloved husband of Jo and father of Helen and Hannah. Funeral, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bedwell on Wednesday 18th May, at 2.00pm.

PARKER - On May 10th, Suddenly and Peacefully, Diana Mary (née Slade), beloved wife of Derrick, dearest mother of Philip, Alison and Sally and devoted grandmother of Mark, Nicola, Anna and Rosie. Funeral at Beckenham Parish Church on Thursday 19th May at 12 noon, followed by cremation. Family flowers only; donations if desired to The National Deaf Children's Society, 45 Hereford Road, London W2 5AH.

POOLEY - On May 9th 1988, suddenly in hospital, Olive Freda of Sidmouth aged 72 years. Dear sister of Eileen. Cremation has taken place. Donations if desired, to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, C/O Potbury's of Sidmouth.

RASOR - On May 10th, suddenly, John, dear husband of Dorothy and father of Mary. No flowers please. Donations to the World Wildlife Fund. Funeral at the City of London Crematorium on May 18th at 2.30 pm.

SELLICK - On May 10th, 1988, Roger John, in Taunton, dearly loved by Jennie, Charlotte, Sarah and Miles. Cremation 2 pm at Taunton Deane Crematorium on Monday May 16th. Enquiries please to Mssrs. E. White and Son Ltd, Funeral Directors. Tel (0823)-272 183.

WAREHAM - On May 10th, peacefully at home, Arthur George, former Editor of The Daily Mail, aged 80 years, dearly loved husband of Kathleen, father of Shaun, Richard and Susan, grandfather to Angus, Charles and Jonathan. He was a very special person and will be sadly missed by his many friends and relatives. Funeral Tuesday May 17th at 2.30pm, St. Brides Church, Fleet Street. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Son, 332 Crofton Road, Farnborough, Kent.

WEBB - On May 11th, 1988, at home in Yetminster, Nancy Joyce, aged 70 years. Dearly loved wife of Major Ronald Francis, mother of Sarah and Simon, and beloved grandmother. Funeral at St. Andrews Church, Yetminster on May 19th at 2pm. Arrangements by W. Brister, Hound Street, Sherbourne. Tel. 812647.

WRIGHT - On May 10th, tragically in an aircraft accident in West Germany, Flt. Lt. Steve. Beloved husband of Pandora and father of Tiffany Sabrina. Military funeral St Nicholas Church RAF Bruggen on May 17th at 1400 hours.

YUILL - On May 9th, 1988, peacefully in his sleep, Alan Hampton, dearly loved son of Alan and Isabel, brother of Lynn. Cremation on Monday May 16th, 1988 at West London Crematorium at 3.45 pm. Friends please meet at Crematorium.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CLUTTERBUCK - A Memorial Service for the life of Graham Clutterbuck, Managing Director and founder of the FilmFair group of companies, who died on April 30th, will take place at St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Rd, London NW1 on Wednesday, May 25th at 2.30pm. Those wishing to attend are asked to notify Graham's Secretary, Nadine on 01-935 1596.

LINDGREN-UTSI - A Service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Doctor E.J. Lindgren-Utsi will be held at the chapel at Churchill College, Cambridge at 2.30pm. on Saturday June 4th 1988.

MOORE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Harry Reginald Moore will be held at St. Mary's, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex at 12.00pm on Saturday, May 14th. All are welcome but please telephone (0903) 502522/44201 for details.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BOMBERG - Lilian. Dearest mother, so deeply missed. Dinora.

CARPENTER - Miss V.E. formerly of Dame Alice Owen's Girls' School, Islington, born 12th May 1910. So sadly missed by her friends, B.V.F. and family.

YOUNGSON - Joan Maynard. In loving memory of a wonderful wife and mother. Bobbie, Ann, Susan and Sara. May 13th 1985.

Latest wills

Mr Ronald McGregor Pollock Shields, of London SW1, managing director and deputy chairman of Associated Newspapers, left estate valued at £877,608 net.

Vera Harriett Mary Lee, of Tankerton, Kent, left £102,852 net. After personal and other bequests she left the residue to the National Trust towards the purchase of woodland for the formation of a wildlife protection area and animal sanctuary.

Mr Alexander Ranald Grant, of Farlington, Portsmouth, left £5,127,631 net.

Mr Harvey Christian Rupert Peter Coombe, of Strathconon, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire, left estate in the UK valued at £1,271,083 net.

Colonel Hugh John Cochrane Ducat-Hamersley, retd, of Watlington, Oxfordshire, High Sheriff of Oxfordshire 1956 and Deputy-Lieutenant 1967, left £363,003 net.

Mr Wilfred Shalom Ezekiel Getz, of Chislehurst, Kent, former director of NM Rothschild & Sons, left £324,703 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Barclay, Mrs Ada Decima, of London SW1	£811,752
Barney, Mr John Desmond, of Dudley	£533,302
Chegwidden, Mr Alan David, of Loughton, Essex	£546,838
Hannam, Mrs Nellie Andrey, of Harrogate	£768,190
Herzog, Mr Frederick Joseph, of Ruthin, Clwyd	£840,013
Lazenby, Mrs Sybil Rosemary, of Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire	£884,726
Citron, Mr Solomon Lewis, of Hadley Wood, Herts	£510,539
George, Mr Cyril Francis, of Stoke Gifford, Avon	£754,495
George, Mr George John Charlie, of London N2	£522,305
Gledhill, Mrs Anne Adlington, of London W8	£688,965
Holgate, Mrs Margaret Glenny, of Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd	£771,552
Kelly, Mr Dennis James, of Alverstone, Hampshire	£565,138
Lewis, Major Claud John Ledston, retd, of Presteigne, Powys	£582,376
Needham, Lady Helen Mary, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent	£959,419
Sim, Mr John Chatterton of Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent	£527,095

California condor has landed

By Ruth Gledhill

The only Californian condor ever conceived in captivity has been successfully hatched, bringing the number of the species up to 28.

The hatching of the egg, laid on March 3 at the San Diego Wild Animal Park in California, is seen as a triumph for condor conservationists who last year captured the last known wild condor and saved it from almost certain death.

The breed has been brought close to extinction by lead poisoning, shooting and flying into pylon cables. Over the past few years, numbers have decreased at a rate of 40 per cent a year.

Until now, no condor has been successfully bred in captivity although the park has hatched eggs discovered in the wild.

Female condors in the wild do not mature until they are seven years old. They lay one egg every two years after a long and elaborate courtship.

Condor keepers have discovered that they can increase the number of eggs laid to three a year by removing them prematurely from their mother and incubating them artificially.

Mr Williama Toone, the park's curator of birds, said: "This is a vital step towards having free-flying condors back in the wild one day. We hope it will be within the next five years."

Experts have always held that condors would not breed in captivity but the chick's parents, UN1 and her mate AC4 have proved them wrong once and will probably do so again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTEREST & ACTIVITY HOLIDAYS. For your holiday needs, see Saturday's UK Holiday Guide, May 28th.

JONES - If your name is George Jones, have a wife named Millie, a son Nigel and lived in Birmingham, Alabama in 1941, then contact Bill Cannon by replying to BOX L65.

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In accordance with Paragraph 39c of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973, any local government elector may inspect the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto and make copies of all or any part of the accounts and those other documents.

The Authority's auditors Messrs. Deloitte, Haskins & Sells of 128, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4P 4JX will be available on Tuesday 14th June 1988 from 10.30 a.m. for any local government elector in the area of the Southern Water Authority or any representative of his to question them about the accounts.

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B.R. Thorpe
Chief Executive
Southern Water Authority
3rd May 1988

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF HUNTARA LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Ian Donald Williams of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP was appointed liquidator of the above company by the creditors on 28 April 1988.

Dated this 4 day of May 1988
I.D. WILLIAMS - LIQUIDATOR

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, (SECOND FLOOR), LONDON W2 6LF on Wednesday the 25th day of May, 1988 at 11 o'clock for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

Stephen D. Swaden, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provided the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 24th May, 1988.

Dated the 4th day of May 1988
J. MULCAHY - Director

LANDSHIOG LIMITED
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David Swaden, FCA, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Partners, 46 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 9AA, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 20th May 1988.

Dated this 5th day of May 1988
C.B. DAVY - Director

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 17th day of June, 1988 to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA, LEONARD CURTIS & CO 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 6th day of May 1988
KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA
LIQUIDATOR

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Registered number: 1961106. Nature of business: Insurance Brokers. Trade classification: 33. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 26 April 1988. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor & the Company of the Bank of Scotland.

PETER RICHARD COPP & GEORGE ALBERT AUGER
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Office Holder No. 1788 and 1067
Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London W1M 1DA

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 6th May 1988.

Dated this 6th day of May 1988
KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountant,
P.O. Box 553,
30 Eastbourne Terrace,
London, W2 6LF.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
JAMES TENNANT COMMODITIES LIMITED - (IN LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 19th January 1988.

Dated this 3rd day of May 1988
RAYMOND HOCKING - Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
In the matter of Chemistores Limited
T/A The Village Pharmacy
High Court No. 007302 of 1987

Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Laurence Rose, of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on the 12th April 1988.

MELVYN L. ROSE F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF W H PRICE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the Unsecured Creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Hacker Young & Partners, St. Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London, EC2Y 5DH on 25 May 1988 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 48(2) and 49(1) of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge details of their claims and proxies with the Administrative Receiver at Hacker Young & Partners, St. Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH not later than 12.00 noon on 20 May 1988.

Dated this 3 day of May 1988
L Horman - Administrative Receiver
NB. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
FOOTE MILNE & COMPANY LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr P R Copp, Chartered Accountant of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 26 April 1988.

Dated this 29 day of April 1988
P R COPP - LIQUIDATOR

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P R COPP AND G A AUGER
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office Holder No. 1788 and 1067
Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London W1M 1DA

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
Rapid 969 Ltd
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 3rd May 1988.

MELVYN L. ROSE, F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR
4TH MAY 1988

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 002551 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF TI GROUP PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 29th day of April, 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 23rd day of May, 1988.

ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 13th day of May 1988
Allen & Overy
9 Cheapside
London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the said Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO: 002047 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF THE WEST HARTLEPOOL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 6th day of April 1988 presented to Her Majesty High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named The West Hartlepool Steam Navigation Company Limited from £500,000 to £300,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on Monday the 23rd day of May 1988.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 11th day of May 1988
SINCLAIR ROCHE & TEMPERLEY
Stone House,
128/140 Bishopsgate,
LONDON EC2M 4JP
(Ref: JGL)
Agents for
TILLY, BAILEY & IRVINE
York Chambers,
York Road,
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Cleveland TS26 9DP
Solicitors for the Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO: 00514 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF RUKHRAI (OVERSEAS) LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 11th day of April 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) sanctioning a Scheme of Arrangement and (b) confirming the reduction of the share capital of the Company from £50,000 to £22,467.56.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warner at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 23rd day of May 1988.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 12th day of May 1988
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THE ARTS

Patients in waiting

There has been much discussion recently about the use of witnesses on television, and accusations that the rehearsing and presentation of prepared views could lead to distortion of the truth. But there is a more basic worry, and it concerns those programmes where witnesses seem to have been chosen to make the points that the television programme wants them to make.

The recent Gibraltar programmes allowed for conflict of evidence and opposed opinions. Last night's *40 Minutes* (BBC2)

TELEVISION

was a single-minded documentary about the National Health Service waiting list at St Thomas's Hospital, and both the cases surveyed presented an indictment of the long delays and uncertainty surrounding patients.

It was tempting to wonder how exactly the two cases had been selected for their maximum effect: both classified as "cold", that is, non-urgent, but both causing great stress and grief to those involved. And both witnesses were articulate, not eccentric, nor extreme in their protestations: Paul Sillery, a 46-year-old building worker suffering from heart disease, was in danger of imminent blocking of the arteries, while Fred Taylor, a 79-year-old widower, had prostatic obstruction with a possibility of kidney failure, and had been on the list for two-and-a-half years.

We followed their continued negotiations with the hospital, and watched the frustration of doctors as the lists grew longer. Some patients, suggested one consultant, were "waiting for infinity": for some problems people will never get into hospital. Others, like Paul Sillery, came to the top of the list only to find that bed shortages allied to a sudden epidemic of flu among the nurses caused the postponement of their surgery.

At this point the cameras hovered mercilessly over the telephone, recording the anguish of the Sillerys and their uncertainty about whether the operation would happen at all. The doctors interviewed were cool but humane, the victims of a system they could not manage.

In the end, the scenario worked out: Sillery's operation was delayed but eventually happened, safely. It made exactly the case that the documentary wanted: that waiting lists are inhumanely long. Had he had his operation very quickly, or had he died, there could surely have been no programme.

William Holmes

Timing it right

David Sinclair meets American guitarist Ry Cooder, in London to prepare for a six-city British tour

Ry Cooder is the original world musician. Long before fusions of everything from Afro-American highlife to Israeli hip hop became fashionable, the Californian student of vanishing folk styles was juggling an extraordinary array of influences in his music.

His 1976 album *Chicken Skin Music* mixed the Tex-Mex accordion playing of Flaco Jiminez with contributions from the Hawaiian steel-guitarist Gabby Pahinui, the gospel harmony singing of Bobby King and Cooder's own dustbowl blues guitar style.

The thoughtful, evocative nature of his music is reflected by his quiet speaking voice, and his reflective, laid-back manner. But, although he paved the way for the surge of interest in ethnically diverse music in the Eighties, he feels he has yet to reap his rewards. Last year, when Los Lobos enjoyed a spectacular success with their recreation of Ritchie Valens's Spanish-language hit "La Bamba", Cooder's *Get Rhythm* only scraped into the chart at No 75, before sinking beneath the pre-Christmas deluge of releases.

"Along come Los Lobos and they get a No 1 record," says Cooder, in the pained tone of a man for whom nothing would come as a surprise, unless it was news of a platinum success for one of his own recordings. "Five years ago that could never have happened. Then, all of a sudden, history locks into a perspective, the little bombsight-hairs come together and the middle-class white people suddenly decide in some *zeitgeist*-like manner that it's time to drink Corona beer and party down with some Tex-Mex music.

"Timing seems to be a real key factor. If your timing is off in the entertainment business, it's like you never existed."

PAUL LOVELACE

Family man Ry Cooder: "I couldn't play on a modern record"

Cooder's career has been a mixture of good and bad timing. As an introverted only child with a consuming enthusiasm for playing the guitar, he regarded it as his great good fortune to be growing up in Los Angeles when the Beatles came along. "That whole Beatles explosion made it possible to have a job in music. The musicians I knew were broke, hungry, dead, scuffling and totally out of the mainstream economics. I'm talking about blues singers, jazz musicians, country musicians, hillbillies, Texas-Mexicans, cajuns, you name it. They were on the periphery for ever.

"After the Beatles there was a lot of activity. All these record companies, night-club owners, agencies were rabidly looking round for what the hell was gonna happen next. It all started to erupt and I got work. I was at high school and all of a sudden I was earning money by playing the guitar. It was the damnedest thing."

As well as periods spent with Taj Mahal, in a group called the Rising Sons, and with Captain Beefheart's Magic Band, Cooder became a studio session player. "I didn't prosper as a session man, I was in it for the education. But it gets to be a grind, and nowadays it's become highly technical as well. You have to really be good and tricked out with synthesizers and all the latest gear. I couldn't play on a modern record. I wouldn't know how."

To hear him talking in this low-key fashion you could almost forget that this is the man who made pivotal contributions to albums by the Rolling Stones, Johnny Cash, Little Feat, the Doobie Brothers and Van Morrison, to give but a tiny fraction of the names on one of the most august session CVs in the history of rock. Indeed, as he goes on, it becomes increasingly difficult to reconcile Cooder's unfailingly modest perceptions of his achievements with the reality.

While it is true that Cooder's fortunes in America have remained static, during the Seventies he built a strong following in Europe. In the UK his 1982 album *The Slide Area* was a Top 20 hit, and as part of that year's European tour he played an impressive eight consecutive nights at Hammersmith Odeon. Despite such conspicuous success, Cooder's cult status was not converted into the kind of mass-market appeal that he obviously desires and, incredibly, he even claims to have lost money on those shows.

"Eight nights at Hammersmith is financially out of the question, because you're spending eight nights in a hotel in London, which is fabulously expensive. So you spend more money than you make . . . that's the economic reality."

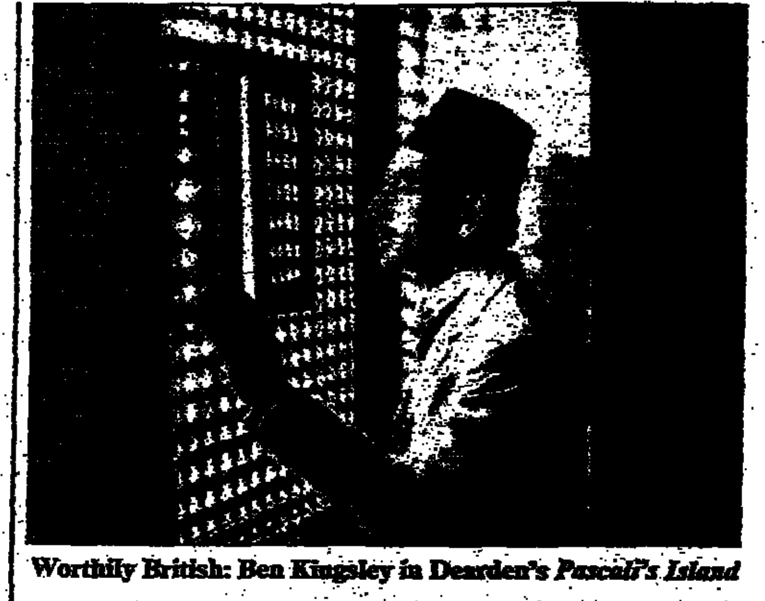
This time round, following some regional dates, Cooder and his band, the Moula-Banda Rhythm Aces — which includes such stalwarts as Jiminez and King — will stage two shows at the 10,000 capacity Wembley Arena, in an attempt to make the financial equation work out more to his liking. In an unprecedented move, Cooder is requesting that members of the audience should not smoke at these performances.

After the 1982 shows Cooder returned to his home in Santa Monica and spent the next five years working in the movie soundtrack business. His earlier collaborations with the directors Walter Hill (*The Long Riders*) and Tony Richardson (*The Border*) led to him writing and recording soundtracks for a succession of films, including another of Hill's, *Crossroads*, and Wim Wenders's celebrated marathon *Paris, Texas*.

Sitting quietly, alone in his room in one of London's expensive hotels, the 41-year-old Cooder exudes an air of world weariness. He declares that he would much rather be at home with his wife and nine-year-old son, and one can't help wondering, as with many rock musicians at his time of life, whether he chose the right job.

"I stay home all the time unless, like now, I have to go somewhere on business. I'm not a traveller. You can enjoy some things. I went for a walk in Holland Park this morning. That was pretty. But I get homesick, bad. That's one reason I don't go out very often."

● *Ry Cooder's British concerts are at Brighton Centre on May 18; NEC, Birmingham (19); Edinburgh Playhouse (20); SEC, Glasgow (June 12); Wembley Arena (13 and 14); and Manchester Apollo (20).*



Worthily British: Ben Kingsley in Dearden's *Pascali's Island*

Grey days in Cannes

Two days into the Cannes Film Festival, Chris Peachment reviews the first contenders to go on display

Drizzle sweeps the Croisette. No English drowned. After two days of the 41st Cannes Film Festival there has been little as yet to set the Côte d'Azur on fire. The first film of the Official Selection, but shown out of competition, was Luc Besson's *Le Grand Bleu*. All of Besson's three films to date have one good idea behind them. His first, *Le Dernier Combat*, a future-tense apocalyptic movie, was shot entirely in silence. *Subway*, his second, was all shot in the Paris Metro.

If only his third had adhered to his stated intention of being filmed entirely under water he might have given us something strange, something rare. As it is, the lengthy, unoxygenated deep diving sequences, as the two heroes battle it out to see who can dive deepest and stay down longest, do have a certain magnetic power, rather like the nitronarcosis by which divers are snared after too long in the deep; but unfortunately it is all dissipated by a very silly love story above the waves. Presumably Rosanna Arquette was imported to give the film the international box office appeal necessary for a film budget of this size ($13 million — huge for a French film), but she has little to seize upon and so falls back on an irritating dottiness.

Even when impregnated by the hero (Jean-Marc Barre), a yogic semi-mystic of the French sort, whose deeper and deeper forays into the sea have something to do with wanting to hear the mermaids sing, she cannot provide enough interest to keep him or the movie afloat.

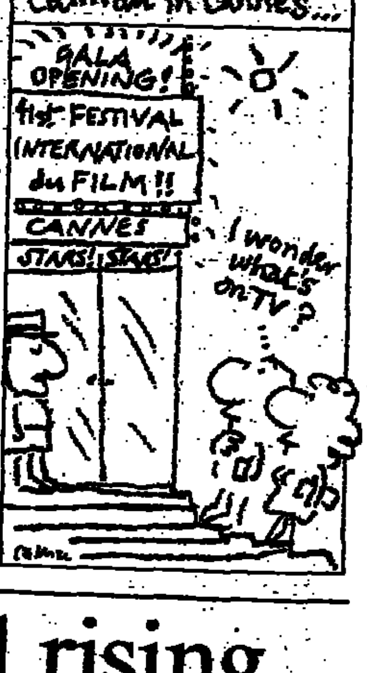
In common with Beneix, the other name touted around as constituting the new era of French movies, Besson coats the film in a thick varnish of "style". What this amounts to is having the hi-tech toys painted in bright primary colours, and a heavy use of blue filter so that everything looks like a Gauloise pack. Style for the French has come to mean a vapid chic. There are also dolphins.

Having written the script for *Fatal Attraction*, James Dearden's directorial debut is a much smaller affair, *Pascali's Island*, taken from the novel by Barry Unsworth, and a marked swerve of direction for Dearden. While *Fatal Attraction* undoubtedly had its finger on the pulse of a very modern unease, *Pascali's Island* can be bracketed with the sort of film which the rest of the world thinks the Brits do terribly well.

Living on a small Mediterranean island during the last days of the dying Ottoman Empire just before the First World War, Pascali (Ben Kingsley) is a spy for the Sultan in Constantinople whose reports have not been answered in 20 years. He sinks deep into trouble when an English archaeologist (Charles Dance) who has hired him as interpreter and go-between turns out to be a con-man. Other problems include a Viennese painter and third part of the triangle (Helen Mirren), German mining interests, and Greek gun-running to the rebels. Panic from Pascali brings tragedy to all but himself. It is well mounted, with designs by Andrew Mollo, and handsome in a Thomson Holidays sort of way. If only the British could forsake this worthy literariness, and make a *Fatal Attraction*.

The second film in competition, *L'Oeuvre au Noir* (*The Abyss*), is from the Belgian André Delvaux, best known for *Rendezvous at Bray*, and is taken from Marguerite Yourcenar's lapidary novel. A doctor and alchemist (played with patriarchal authority by Gian Maria Volonte) returns to Bruges in the late 16th century under an assumed name. Flanders is under Spanish rule, and the Inquisition is displaying its usual illiberal attitude towards almost everything.

The doctor attaches himself to a hospice and tends the last days of the saintly prior (Sami Frey). But the terrible cruelties all around him finally force him to a personal stand in which he declares himself and is tried for heresy. A typical story of medieval stupidity and cruelty perhaps, but under Delvaux's surreal eye it takes on a strange and disquieting air. One man's futile stand against persecution could have led to spurious melodrama; here it has solid conviction, and the film gives the most convincing picture of life in those times since Borowczyk's *Blanche*.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I wonder what's on TV?
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Dancing Dickens

Great Expectations
The Chandler Studio,
Glasgow

Mixed media is all the rage, it seems, in Scotland. First Dundee, then the Traverse and now TAG, where director Ian Brown has enlisted the services of the dancer and choreographer Gregory Nash, the composer Peter Salem and writer John Clifford in his bold attempt to bring *Great Expectations* to the stage.

It is a measure of their success that you soon stop seeing bits of dialogue here, bits of dancing there and just see a taut fast-moving adaptation of Pip and Magwitch and Miss Havisham and Estella's story.

The production concentrates on putting over the story at the expense of Dickens's social colour. That is difficult enough in two and a half hours but in the event, in addition to a laudably clear piece of story-telling, a surprising amount of the original's moral thrust still comes over, thanks to some deft characterization by the performers.

Forbes Masson produces the lawyer Mr Jaggers out of a top hat, and appears never to address anyone except the audience until his final concession. Liz Ingram becomes Miss Havisham by wrapping herself in a huge piece of white gauze which she uses to enfold Estella or Pip like a spider's web.

Some of the cast (there are eight, with two on-stage musicians) are trained as dancers, some as actors, but no distinction is made on stage. Everyone is expected to move with the precision of a dancer. Alan Cumming as Pip, already recognized as one of the best young actors in Scotland, displays yet more talent with an unexpected fleetness of foot.

The staging, needing a big black floor space and a minimum of props for the movement, profits from its spareness by making every detail count. The final chase down the Thames as Magwitch tries to get away is a masterpiece of visual and aural suggestion using just a bowl of water, a couple of ropes and a creaking wicker basket.

The fragmentary spiky musical sounds throughout also contribute significantly to the rapidly shifting moods and scenes. It is the kind of thing you could only achieve with proper rehearsal time, and sure enough TAG took six weeks, nearly twice as long as usual, to put it together. There's a moral there somewhere.

Robert Dawson Scott

Ragged-trousered fool

THEATRE

The Shaughraun
The Olivier

Dion Boucicault, the only important Irish writer ever to strike it rich in London and New York and then return to his native roots, also ranks as the originator of indigenous Irish drama. One reason for welcoming Howard Davies's production of his most famous play is that it shows off the full splendour of 19th-century melodrama, legitimately extended with the resources of modern scenic technology.

Another is that it introduces an irresistibly theatrical and generous-hearted work from an author previously known over here only by his youthful hit, *London Assurance*.

What he achieved in *The Shaughraun* (1874) was to promote the marginal figure of the wily peasant-clown to the centre of the action, and pioneer a form of melodramatic farce which became the inspiration of Synge and O'Casey. Upon the framework of a Victorian mortgage-melodrama, Boucicault erected a wild picaresque event combining Fenian actualities, heartfelt folk song, separated lovers, peasant documentary, a Monte Carlo prison escape, flights and pursuits over the cliffs and bogs of Sligo, and a *Rin-Tin-Tin prototype*.

Boucicault's naked purpose was to keep the customers happy; but in doing so, he pulled off some tricks that more solemn writers would envy. One is his amazing capacity for keeping up the narrative suspense at full pressure while simultaneously undercutting it with sight gags and comic dialogue worthy of Captain Boyle.

Another point is his handling of the British Army's pursuit of an alleged Fenian (Fintan McKeown) — an episode Boucicault introduced when Fenian prison raids were much in the news. Robert, of course, is a stainless hero. But so, in his way, is the British Captain Molineux, who even falls for the wanted man's sister. This may look like sitting on the fence; but when the villainous Corry Kinchela is finally unmasked, you have the unique spectacle of an Irish lynch mob leading British soldiers against a common enemy. There is more than box office calculation in that dream of comradeship.

The binding element in the mixture, and the soul of the piece, is Con the Shaughraun (meaning "wanderer"), a figure akin to the young Peer Gynt, who lives for pleasure and companionship without ever doing a stroke of work. He descends straight from Roman comedy, but there is nothing outside Ireland to match the sight of Con's performance at his own wake, surreptitiously sitting up among the keening neighbours to take a swig out of the jar.

Stephen Rea, clad in the obligatory old hunting coat and boots, has one big advantage over Dublin's most celebrated Shaughraun, Cyril Cusack: youth. Shamefacedly hauling poached game and whiskey out of his pockets before the reproving Father Dolan (Robert Urquhart) or submitting to a simultaneous battery of kisses and clouts from his tatterdemalion mother (Gillian Barge), he always comes over as a boy who knows his way around rather than a hardened old trickster. This performance strikes me as definitive.

As a hero, Rea has a competitor in William Dudley's set, which has a strong claim as the most spectacular ever seen at this address. Surmounted by a ruined castle, it consists of an inexhaustible honeycomb of cottage interiors, headland cliff-tops, police barracks, all set against a glittering cyclorama seascape. Dominic Muldowney underscores the action with intensely atmospheric music which never patronizes the story. An immensely accomplished and warm-hearted event.

Irving Wardle

DONALD COOPER

Picaresque Irish playing: Julia Dearden and Stephen Rea

A Woman of No Importance
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds

Cambridge Theatre Company handles this early Wilde play with such sympathy and style that the piece's rare appearance on the stage is hard to understand until the last act, when the melodramatic plot that has been chugging along under epigrams steams into the open.

Young Gerald Arbuthnot, who believes his father dead, rushes across the stage to attack the languid peer who has forced a kiss upon a simple American girl. "You have insulted the purest thing on God's earth!" he cries, and more in the same vein. Even as he is raising his fist his mother (a sombre figure in black velvet) catches his arm, crying "Gerald!" and, with a sob: "He is your own father!" Shock, horror and tableau.

These sentiments are a far cry from the memorable conceits of the earlier acts, the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable, and the rest. Though even in these exchanges the issues are identical to those that structure Wilde plots: if a woman is led astray by a man, she is disgraced while he is not; there is one law for women and another for men, and it is monstrous.

When the characters present their variations on this theme in conversation the audience knows it is in the presence of epigrams and responds accordingly. But when Wilde's melodramatic slip starts showing, and Mrs Arbuthnot speaks of "the child of her shame", the audience remembers that it usually laughs at such stuff and feels uncertain. Which is why *Lady Windemere's Fan* and *An Ideal Husband*, lesser plays on most counts but homogeneous in style, have generally been preferred.

Bill Pryde's intelligent production allows the epigrams to grow out of natural confrontation between characters. The sets (designer Kenny Miller) achieved elegance and variety by revolving a pair of walls, leaf-strewn marble on one side, unread library on the other. The cast rise confidently to the occasion with the wit and do remarkably well with the anger. Malcolm Sinclair is a chillingly heartless villain; Susan Brown affecting as his sometime victim who is given the splendid last ("He is a *man* of no importance") word.

Jeremy Kingston

Sap still rising

OPERA

Xerxes
Coliseum

The deck chairs are out on the greensward, the much apostrophized plane-tree has obviously survived the hurricane and, three years after its opening, Nicholas Hytner's production of *Xerxes* has returned to the Coliseum, its stock of sap unspent.

In 1985 it celebrated Handel's 300th birthday; today the production is celebrating itself. Now, as then, its distinction lies in its primarily visual conception of the work. It is not only the voice which is on display here: exhibits ranging from sphinxes to ostrich eggs are paraded in front of a stage audience of Handel's own newly-burgeoned middle class, voracious and earnest in its acquisition of culture, amused and occasionally irritated by the antics being acted out around it in the peace of Vauxhall Gardens.

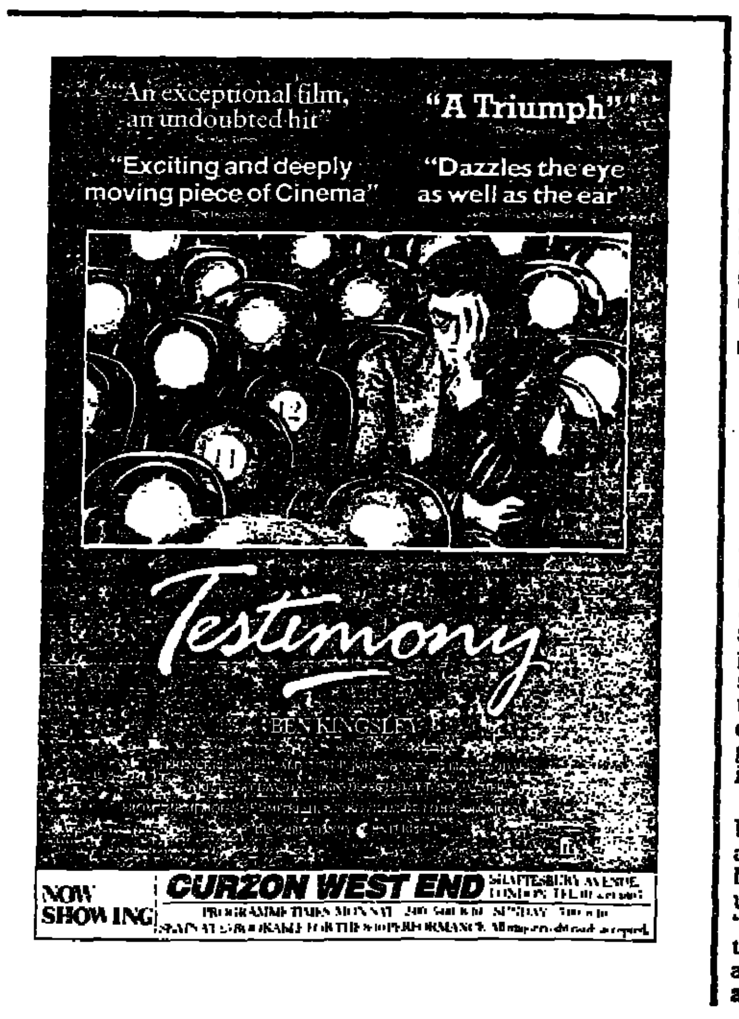
The real audience will find this time round that Art and Nature join together even more happily than before. With the weight of high expectation added to their first-night burden, the original cast in its entirety have, almost without exception, grown into their roles, and Charles Mackerras gives them fresh encouragement in the pit.

I had forgotten Hytner's ingenuity and wit in gently sending up the longueurs of the *da capo* aria: Atalanta (Lesley Garrett), who understandably tires of the crowing of her sister Romilda (Valerie Masterson), goes on, for instance, to do exactly the same thing herself, boring Xerxes with her ardour just when he is having his tea.

Ann Murray, as Xerxes, responds with kingly dignity: her shoulders seem broader this time, both her step and her voice weightier. Expressing the potent physicality of her stage presence, her singing tints Handel's line and ornaments with colours I do not remember before, like the cool, dark yearning sequences of ascending phrases in her declaration of passion, and the glinting near-coloratura in her great aria of renunciation.

Amastris, his betrothed (whom he does not, of course, greatly care for) is fiercely portrayed by Jean Rigby, though some of the writing seems a little low for her now, while Christopher Robson as Arsamenes, the king's brother and rival, provides both amatory and vocal competition of no mean accomplishment.

Hilary Finch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Law Report May 13 1988 House of Lords

Copyright law treated with contempt should be altered

CBS Songs Ltd and Others v Amstrad Consumer Electronics plc and Another

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches May 12]

Manufacturers and retailers of hi-fi systems that facilitated the copying by purchasers of records and tapes in breach of copyright did not "authorize" the breaches of copyright and were not joint infringers with the purchasers. Accordingly, the copyright owners were not entitled to an injunction to restrain the sale of the machines.

The present position was, however, lamentable, and a law of copyright that was treated with such contempt by millions of home copiers should be amended or repealed.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the plaintiffs, CBS Songs Ltd and others, representing copyright owners, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Nicholls, Sir Denys Buckley dissenting) (*The Times* February 26, 1987; [1988] Ch 61) who by a majority had allowed appeals by a manufacturer, Amstrad Consumer Electronics plc, and a retailer, Dixons Ltd, from the refusal of Mr Justice Whitford (*The Times* May 9, 1986; [1987] RPC 429) to strike out the plaintiffs' statement of claim.

Section 1 of the Copyright Act 1956 provides: "(1) ... 'copyright' in relation to a work ... means the exclusive right ... to do, and to authorize other persons to do, ... in relation to that work ... those acts which, in the relevant provision of this Act, are designated as the acts restricted by the copyright in a work of that description.

"(2) ... the copyright in a work is infringed by any person who, not being the owner of the copyright, and without the licence of the owner thereof, does, or authorizes another person to do, any of the said acts in relation to the work ... to which the relevant provision of this Act extends."

Section 12 provides: "(2) ... copyright shall subsist ... in every sound recording ...

"(4) ... the maker of a sound recording shall be entitled to any copyright subsisting in the recording ...

"(5) The acts restricted by the copyright in a sound recording are the following, whether a record embodying the recording is utilised directly or indirectly in doing them, that is to say — (a) making a record embodying the recording ..."

Section 48 provides: "... 'record' means any disc, tape ... or other device in which sounds are embodied so as to be capable (with or without the aid of some other instrument) of being automatically reproduced therefrom ... 'reproduction' ... includes a reproduction in the form of a record ...".

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr James Munby, QC, for CBS; Mr Robert Alexander, QC and Mr Geoffrey Hobbs for Amstrad; Mr Michael Fysh for Dixons.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the appeal was the climax of a conflict between the makers of records and the makers of recording equipment.

The electronic equipment industry and the entertainment industry were dependent on each other. Without the public demand for entertainment, the electronic equipment industry would not be able to sell its machines to the public.

Without the facilities provided by the electronic equipment industry, the entertainment industry could not provide entertainment in the home and could not, for example, maintain orchestras that filled the air with twentieth-century cacophony or make gratifying profit from a recording of a group without a voice singing a song without a tune.

However, although the two industries were interdependent and flourished to their mutual satisfaction there was one area in which their interests conflicted.

It was in the interests of the electronic equipment industry to put on the market every facility that was likely to induce customers to purchase new machines made by the industry. It was in the interests of the entertainment industry to maintain a monopoly in the reproduction of entertainment.

New and improved facilities for recording and reproducing incorporated in machines sold to the public by the electronic equipment industry were capable of being used by members of the public to copy the published works of the entertainment industry, thus reducing the public demand for the original works and recordings of the entertainment industry itself and infringing the copyrights of the recording companies and of the composers, lyricists and others engaged in the entertainment industry.

Thence arose the conflict that had resulted in the present proceedings.

The plaintiffs argued that it was unlawful for Amstrad to make recording equipment that would be used by members of the public to copy records in which copyright subsisted. Alternatively, they argued that Amstrad must not advertise their equipment in such a way as to encourage copying.

Amstrad and Dixons argued that they might lawfully make and sell to the public any recording equipment that ingenuity might devise and might lawfully advertise the advantages of such equipment.

There were broadly two types of infringers who concerned the plaintiffs. First, there were "pirates" who made large numbers of copies of sound recordings for the purposes of sale. They did not generally employ the equipment that Amstrad sold to the public.

Second, there were "home copiers", that is, members of the public who, by using Amstrad or other machines capable of making copies of sound recordings, could copy on to a blank tape for an expenditure of less than £1 an original recording priced at £5 or £10. A home copier made a copy for his own private use and was thus to be distinguished from a pirate who made infringing copies for sale.

The infringements of a home copier were almost impossible to detect, and a successful action for infringement against one copier would have little deterrent effect. The sales of sound recordings in 1984 had been estimated at 40 million and the sales of blank tapes at 70 million or thereabouts. Blank tapes might be employed for purposes that did not infringe copyright, but, on average, for every authorized copy of a record there would now be two infringing copies.

For at least a decade, members of the public, including home copiers, had been able to buy from a variety of manufacturers and retailers listening and recording equipment housed in a compact console.

The listening facilities were enhanced by high-fidelity speakers and extended to sound broadcasting, the playing of a record from a disc held on a turntable and the playing of a record from a recorded tape housed in a cassette and held on a cassette deck incorporated in the console.

The recording facilities might include the power to record on a blank tape, housed in a cassette held on the cassette deck, any sound broadcast, disc record or taped record.

Those recording facilities might be used for lawful or unlawful purposes. A live broadcast might be heard and lawfully recorded and copied by means of the console by a home copier for his own use. Live recordings might be lawfully made on blank tape and might be copied with the permission of the recorder. Records with no subsisting copyright might be copied.

But there was nothing to prevent the recording facilities of the console being used to copy on to a blank tape commercial records and commercial tapes in infringement of copyright. It was statistically certain that most, but not all, consoles were used for the purpose of home copying in breach of copyright.

There was competition between the manufacturers of consoles to improve the facilities offered by their models. An advertisement by Amstrad had boasted that one of the models complained of by the plaintiffs "now features 'hi-speed dubbing' enabling you to make duplicate recordings from one cassette to another, record direct from any source and then make a copy and you can even make a copy of your favourite cassette".

A record on tape could be copied on to blank tape at twice the speed of play-back. An asterisk had drawn attention to the following footnote:

"The recording and play-back of certain material may only be possible by permission. Please refer to the Copyright Act 1956, the Performers' Protection Acts 1958-1972."

The British Phonographic Industry Ltd had written to Amstrad asserting that: "the sale to the public of any machine offering a double-headed copying facility encourages, incites or otherwise facilitates the copying of pre-recorded and other cassettes containing copyright sound recordings and musical works."

They had also asserted that Amstrad's advertisement, which had appeared on television, was an "encouragement to break the law".

The plaintiffs by their amended statement of claim claimed against Amstrad and Dixons: "An injunction to restrain the defendants ... from parting with possession of models SM-104, TS-87 and TS-39 cassette reproducing machines (or any like machine) without taking such precautions as are necessary reasonably to ensure that copyrights in sound recordings or musical works owned or exclusively licensed to the plaintiffs or a member of the BPI or the Mechanical Rights Society Ltd are not infringed by the use of such machines."

They also claimed an inquiry as to damages or an account of profits.

The plaintiffs' initial submissions were that Amstrad "authorized" infringement and that they were joint infringers with any person who used their machines for the purpose of making infringing reproductions of recordings in which copyright subsisted.

They submitted that by selling a model incorporating a double-speed twin-tape recorder Amstrad "authorized" the purchaser of the model to copy records in which copyright subsisted and therefore infringed the exclusive right of the copyright owner.

In his Lordship's view, no manufacturer and no machine conferred on the purchaser authority to copy unlawfully. The purchaser or other operator of the recorder determined whether he should copy and what he should copy. By selling the recorder Amstrad might facilitate copying in breach of copyright but that did not authorize it.

The plaintiffs' next submission was that Amstrad by their advertisement authorized the purchaser of an Amstrad model to copy records in which copyright subsisted.

Amstrad's advertisement had drawn attention to the advantages of their models and to the fact that the recorder incorporated in the models could be employed in the copying of modern records. But it had not authorized the unlawful copying of records; on the contrary, the footnote warned that some copying required permission and made it clear that Amstrad had no authority to grant that permission.

If Amstrad had deprived themselves of the advantages of offering improved recording facilities, other manufacturers would have reaped the benefit.

The effect of double-tape double-speed recorders on the incidence of home copying was speculative. If Amstrad had advertised the illegality of home copying, the effect would have been minimal.

His Lordship said that Amstrad's advertisement had been cynical and was open to severe criticism, but no purchaser of an Amstrad model could reasonably have deduced from the facilities incorporated in the model or from Amstrad's advertisement that Amstrad possessed or purported to possess the authority to grant any required permission for a record to be copied.

His Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Atkin in *Falcon v Famous Players Film Co* ([1926] 2 KB 474, 499) that in the context of the Copyright Acts an authorization meant a grant or purported grant, which might be express or implied, of the right to do the act complained of.

Amstrad had conferred on the purchaser the power to copy but had not granted or purported to grant the right to copy. They had not authorized infringement.

The plaintiffs had next submitted that Amstrad were joint infringers; they became joint infringers if and as soon as a purchaser decided to copy a record in which copyright subsisted; they could become joint infringers not only with the immediate purchaser of an Amstrad model but also with anyone else who at any time in the future used the model to copy records.

Amstrad sold models that included facilities for receiving and recording broadcasts, disc records and taped records. All those facilities were lawful although the recording device could be used for unlawful purposes. Once a model was sold, Amstrad had no control over or interest in its use. In those circumstances, the allegation that Amstrad was a joint infringer was untenable.

Joint infringers were two or more persons who acted in concert with one another pursuant to a common design in the infringement: see *The Koursk* ([1924] P 140, 156) *per* Lord Justice Scrutton, adopting *Clerk & Lindsell on Torts* (7th edition (1921) p59). In the present case, there was no common design.

The plaintiffs submitted, however, that if the 1956 Act was defective to protect them they were entitled to the protection of the common law. As a foundation for that submission, they sought to elevate the quality of the rights granted by the Act.

They pointed out that in section 17(1), the owner of copyright in any action for infringement was entitled to all such relief as was available in any corresponding proceedings in respect of infringements of other proprietary rights; that copyright was an example of intellectual property; and that in *Macmillan & Co Ltd v K. and J. Cooper* ((1923) LR 51 Ind App 109, 118) Lord Atkinson had said that an infringer of copyright disobeyed the injunction "thou shalt not steal".

Those considerations could not enhance the rights of owners of copyright or extend the ambit of infringement. The plaintiffs' rights were derived from statute and not from the Ten Commandments. They were defined by Parliament, not by the clergy or the judiciary. The courts would not invent additional rights or impose fresh burdens.

The plaintiffs had submitted that, even if Amstrad did not authorize infringement and were not themselves infringers, nevertheless their activities in the sale and advertisement of their models constituted a common-law tort. The suggested torts were incitement to commit a tort (relying on *Lumley v Gye* ((1853) 2 E & B 216, 232) *per* Mr Justice Erle), incitement to commit a criminal offence and negligence.

His Lordship rejected the plaintiffs' claims based on incitement.

As to negligence, the plaintiffs submitted that Amstrad owed to all owners of copyright a duty to take care not to cause or permit purchasers to infringe copyright or alternatively that Amstrad owed a duty to take care not to facilitate by the sale of their models or by their advertisement the infringement of copyright.

It was always easy to draft a proposition that was tailor-made to produce the desired result. Since *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728) had put the floodgates on the jar, a fashionable plaintiff alleged negligence. The pleading assumed that we were all neighbours now, Pharisees and Samaritans alike, that foreseeability was a reflection of hindsight and that for every mischance in an accident-prone world someone solvent had to be liable in damages.

The plaintiffs' rights were to be found in the 1956 Act and nowhere else. Under and by virtue of that Act Amstrad owed a duty not to infringe copyright and not to authorize an infringement of copyright. They did not owe a duty to prevent or discourage or warn against infringement.

The plaintiffs complained, and the Court of Appeal had agreed, that the law was in an unsatisfactory state, as indeed it was. The present position was infuriating from the point of view of the plaintiffs because they conceived that if the use of 50 million blank tapes could be prevented there would be a sale of roughly 30 million more records.

That might not be so. If the home copier were denied recording machines or blank tapes he would not necessarily wish to buy or might not be able to afford to buy a popular record which in the space of a month might only remain a permanent reminder of a transient attraction.

It was possible that if the public could not obtain recording machines or blank tapes enthusiasm for records would decline and be replaced by other enthusiasms.

For present purposes, however, it had to be assumed that the profits of the recording industry would be greatly increased if the home copying of records involving breach of copyright could be prevented or if home copiers were required to pay, directly or indirectly, a licence fee for copying.

From the point of view of society, the present position was lamentable. Millions of breaches of the law must be committed by home copiers every year.

Some home copiers might break the law in ignorance, despite extensive publicity and warning notices on records, tapes and films. Some might break the law because they estimated that the chances of detection were non-existent.

Some might consider that the entertainment and recording industry already exhibited all the characteristics of undesirable monopoly — lavish expenses, extravagant earnings and exorbitant profits — and that the blank tape was the only restraint on further increases in the price of records.

Whatever the reason for home copying, the beat of "Sergeant Pepper" and the soaring sounds of the "Miserere" from unlawful copies were more powerful than law-abiding instincts or twinges of conscience. A law that was treated with such contempt should be amended or repealed.

The Whitford Committee appointed to consider the law on copyright and designs had reported in March 1977 (Cmnd 6732) and made a number of important comments and recommendations. Some of those illustrated the grievances of the recording industry, the impossibility of coping with home copying and the uselessness and unfairness of singling out double-speed twin-tape recorders or any other type of recorder for condemnation.

The report had included the following paragraphs:

"301. The German Copyright Act of 1965 imposed a levy on a wide range of recording equipment in return for a blanket licence to make recording in single copies for personal use.

"308. The possibility of imposing a levy on blank tape, either as an alternative to or as an addition to a levy on equipment, was considered by a number of bodies and almost universally rejected as being unsatisfactory. Although in theory such a levy should reflect, more accurately, actual usage for recording, it would involve a much larger operation and, in view of the smaller values of tapes compared with equipment and the fact that tape can be re-used, might be less productive of revenue.

"322. It is our view that, for private recording, the only satisfactory solution is the introduction of a levy on the sale price of recording equipment. A major problem in the case of private recording, which no other system seems able to overcome, is that of policing; we feel the levy approach will effectively meet this difficulty."

Since then, a levy on blank tapes had met with more favourable consideration.

In face of the difficulties inherent in the problem generated by the mass-production of electronic equipment capable of infringing copyright Parliament had not yet determined on any course of action.

The present proceedings would have served a useful purpose if they reminded Parliament of the grievances of the recording companies and other owners of copyright and if at the same time they drew the attention of Parliament to the fact that home copying could not be prevented, was widely practised and brought the law into disrepute.

As the law now stood, his Lordship would dismiss the plaintiffs' appeal.

Lord Keith, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey agreed.

Solicitors: Hamlin Slowe; Herbert Smith; Alsop Wilkinson.

Form listing other offences was not served

Regina v Wheeldon

One of the factors which persuaded the Court of Appeal to allow an appeal against sentence was that the appellant had never been served with a form listing other cases taken into consideration, although he had admitted in a police interview that he had committed three or four offences similar to that with which he was charged subsequently. Reference to those similar offences was contained in the sentencing remarks of the trial judge.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Hollings) on April 25 allowed the appeal of Robert Stephen Wheeldon against a sentence of three years' youth custody imposed on him on December 22, 1987 at Nottingham Crown Court by Judge Hopkin on his conviction, on a plea of guilty, on one count of indecent assault. The sentence was reduced to 18 months.

MR JUSTICE HOLLINGS said that while it would not have been open to counsel or the appellant to have said that this was a "one-off" offence, nevertheless the sentence must have taken account of the three or four similar offences, which had come from the appellant alone by his admissions to the police.

European Court of Human Rights Strasbourg

Stopping prisoner's letter to playwright was breach of correspondence right

Boyle and Rice v United Kingdom

(Case No 19/1986/117/165-166)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Farinha, L-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, N. Valticos

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment April 27]

The European Court of Human Rights held that the stopping by a prison governor of a letter written by a prisoner, Mr James Boyle, to a playwright friend was in breach of article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights which guarantees to everyone "The right to respect for his private and family life ... and his correspondence".

As regards a number of other complaints, the Court found no violation of article 8, or of article 13 of the Convention in which guarantees to everyone an effective remedy before a national authority.

James Boyle and Sarah, his wife, are British citizens. In 1967, James Boyle was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder.

In November 1981, having served in a special unit in Barlinnie Prison, James Boyle was transferred, within Saughton Prison, Edinburgh, to a training for freedom hostel. He was released on November 1, 1982.

James and Sarah Boyle's complaints related to the ordinary prison regime applicable in Saughton Prison, and could be summarised as follows:

The postage of only one three-page letter per week was paid for out of public funds. The postage of other letters could be paid for out of prison earnings of £1.60 per week but not out of prisoners' general financial resources. The correspondence between James and Sarah Boyle was controlled by the prison authorities in accordance with the normal practice including, so Mr and Mrs Boyle asserted, the reading aloud, in front of other inmates, of letters written by Sarah Boyle to James Boyle.

In July 1981, a letter written by Mr Boyle to a friend of his, Mr Peter McDougall, was stopped by the prison governor on the ground that Mr McDougall was a "media personality".

The United Kingdom Government subsequently acknowledged that the rule under which the letter was stopped was applied in error.

In accordance with the normal rules, Mr Boyle was permitted only one hour's visiting time a month. Because he saw his wife during that time he was not able to see other members of his family.

In general, Mr Boyle complained that his treatment in Saughton Prison was less favourable than his previous treatment.

Brian Rice and his father, John, are British citizens. Brian Rice was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder in 1967.

At Saughton Prison, he was moved to the training for freedom hostel on September 11, 1981 and was released on June 1, 1982.

Brian and John Rice's complaints were that:

Brian Rice had been refused compassionate leave to visit his father John Rice who was ill; Brian Rice was entitled to only 12 prison visits a year, and various letters had been either delayed or stopped by the prison authorities.

Both sets of applicants, in addition to certain other complaints, alleged that, in breach of article 13, there was no effective remedy before a national authority in respect of the claims made in their application.

The European Commission of Human Rights ordered the joinder of the two cases on July 10, 1985. In its report adopted on May 7, 1986, the Commission expressed the opinion that the stopping of Mr Boyle's letter to Mr McDougall was in breach of article 8 (unanimously); there had been a breach of article 13 concerning limited prison visiting entitlement (13 votes to 1) and in the refusal to grant Brian Rice compassionate leave to visit his sick father (unanimously) and there had been no breach of article 13 in respect of any of the applicants' other complaints (unanimously on four counts and by 13 votes to 1 on two counts).

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 8

In respect of the letter written by Mr Boyle to Mr McDougall, the Government acknowledged, before the Commission and the Court, that the rules had been wrongly applied since the letter was a purely personal one and should have been allowed to pass.

The Court agreed with the Commission in finding that there had been a breach of article 8 in this respect.

II Alleged violation of article 13

A General

All four applicants claimed that no effective remedy had been available to them under Scots law in relation to various complaints they had made under the Convention.

They alleged violation of article 13, which provided that "everyone whose rights and freedoms as set forth in (the) Convention are violated shall have an effective remedy before a national authority notwithstanding that the violation has been committed by persons acting in an official capacity".

The Court held that article 13 could not reasonably be interpreted so as to require a remedy in domestic law in respect of any supposed grievance under the Convention, no matter how unmeritorious the complaint. The grievance had to be an arguable one in terms of the Convention.

The Court did not think that it should give an abstract definition of the concept of arguability. Rather it had to be determined, in the light of the particular facts and the nature of the legal issues raised, whether each specific claim of violation forming the basis of a complaint under article 13 was arguable and, if so, whether the requirements of article 13 were met in relation thereto.

B Individual claims

1 As regards Mr and Mrs Boyle's complaint concerning letter postage, the Court considered that the rules on payment of postage were not in themselves unreasonable. Nor was there any suggestion that the vegetarian diet provided to Mr Boyle in prison was inadequate, so that he was forced to spend his earnings on extra food rather than correspondence. Accordingly, no breach of article 13 could be found under this head.

2 As regards Mr Brian Rice's complaint concerning delay of or refusal to post certain letters the Court found, on the evidence adduced, the absence of any arguable claim of a violation of article 8. Accordingly, there was no violation of article 13.

3 As regards Mr and Mrs Boyle's complaint concerning screening of correspondence, the court recalled that it had itself recognized in previous judgments that some measure of control over prisoners' correspondence was called for and that was not of itself incompatible with the Convention. It was true that for more than seven years prior to being moved to Saughton Prison Mr Boyle had benefited from the more liberal regime practised in the Barlinnie special unit.

However, the special unit was designed to serve a special purpose in relation to an especially difficult but small category of prisoners.

Mr Boyle was transferred from the special unit in order to undergo a pre-release programme, the factors dictating the choice of Saughton Prison being reasonable in themselves.

It was not open to criticism that when at Saughton Prison he should have been required to serve his time on the same terms and conditions as the other prisoners there. Thus no arguable claim of violation of article 8 had been made out. Consequently, no violation of article 13 had taken place.

4 As regards Mr and Mrs Boyle's complaint that Mr Boyle's mail was read aloud, the Court considered that even on the assumption that the claim of violation of article 8 was arguable for the purposes of article 13, which the Government denied, the Court reached the same conclusion as the Commission.

The conduct alleged by the applicants would no doubt have constituted an abuse of the power to "read" correspondence as conferred by rule 74(4) of the Prison (Scotland) Rules (SI 1952 No 565 (S18)). It would certainly have been contrary to standing order 1c.4(9), which provided that "In no circumstances should the contents of a letter to a prisoner or inmate be referred to in the hearing of another inmate".

While the standing orders were not public at the relevant time, a complaint to the prison governor and, if necessary, a petition to the secretary of state would have provided an effective remedy under domestic law.

Accordingly, there had been no breach of article 13.

5 As regards Mr Boyle's complaint concerning the stopping of a letter, the Court found that the facts underlying this complaint constituted a violation of article 8 (see I, above) the matter complained of, concerning as it did implementation of the relevant rules, could be (and indeed was) raised by means of petition to the secretary of state.

The fact that the secretary of state, wrongfully, as the Government now conceded, rejected the petition did not alone establish that the remedy provided was ineffective.

Moreover, as the Government indicated, Mr Boyle could have renewed his petition, pointing out that his letter did not in fact come within the scope of the general prohibition laid down in the rules.

Additionally or alternatively, he could have applied to the courts for judicial review on the ground that the secretary of state's decision was unreasonable, having been based on a manifest error.

The Court accordingly found that the remedies available to Mr Boyle in respect of this complaint were sufficient to meet the requirements of article 13 which was therefore not breached.

6 As regards the applicants' complaint concerning a limited visiting entitlement, the Court explained that when assessing the obligations imposed on the contracting states by article 8 in relation to prison visits, regard must be had to the ordinary and reasonable requirements of imprisonment and to the resultant degree of discretion which the national authorities must be allowed in regulating a prisoners' contact with his family.

On that basis, no arguable claim had been made out in so far as the applicants' grievance was that it was contrary to article 8 for convicted prisoners in general or even those, like themselves, in the lowest security category to be restricted to 12 visits a year of one hour's duration. Consequently, no violation of article 13 could be found in this connection.

In addition the Court noted that in so far as the alleged inadequacy of visiting facilities flowed from a decision by the Governor of Saughton Prison, a remedy existed by way of petition to the secretary of state, backed up if need be by an application to the courts for judicial review.

The applicants' solicitors did in fact raise the matter with the secretary of state. The lack of success of those representations did not in itself demonstrate that petition to the secretary of state was an ineffective remedy for airing such complaints.

7 As regards Mr and Mrs Boyle's complaint concerning special escorted leave, the Court likewise found that, even assuming the claim to be arguable, an effective remedy existed in the form of a petition to the secretary of state, who was competent to examine both the terms of the scheme and the individual decisions taken thereunder by the governor.

Again, this conclusion was not affected by the unsuccessful outcome of the representations made to the secretary of state in this connection by the applicants' solicitors. There had therefore been no violation of article 13.

8 As regards Brian and John Rice's complaint concerning compassionate leave, the Court considered that, as in the context of visits in prison, regard had to be had to the degree of discretion enjoyed by the national authorities in regulating a prisoner's contact with his family.

In the Court's opinion, on that basis it could not be said that the contested conditions for compassionate leave specified in the standing orders was in itself capable of grounding an arguable claim of violation of article 8.

Neither could it reasonably be contended that, in the light of the personal circumstances of those two applicants, the refusal to make a special exception in their case was such as to raise an arguable issue under article 8. Thus, there had never been any suggestion that Brian Rice's request was not properly considered.

Other relevant factors included the proximity of his transfer to the training for freedom scheme and the opportunities for home leave available under that scheme as well as those previously available under the special escorted leave scheme, and the advice given to him by the prison authorities to make another request if his father's condition deteriorated in the meantime. In those circumstances, the Court found no violation of article 13.

9 As regards the applicants' complaint as to differences in prison regimes, all four applicants complained of the fact that the conditions relating to visits and correspondence in Saughton Prison were less favourable than those obtaining in the Barlinnie special unit or an open prison.

They alleged that that differential treatment was discriminatory in violation of article 14, taken in conjunction with article 8 and with article 10, which protected the right to freedom of expression.

Article 14 provided: "The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in (the) Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status."

Here, the Court, like the Commission, found it evident that in principle the difference in treatment complained of did not raise an arguable issue of discrimination under article 14.

Nonetheless, the matter could not be examined in isolation of the applicants' personal circumstances. For Mr and Mrs Boyle especially, it must have been unpleasant returning to the constraints of a traditional prison regime after some years of experience under the more liberal regime at the Barlinnie special unit.

However, the number of places in the only existing open prison, Penninghame, was limited. Moreover, both James Boyle and Brian Rice had expressed a preference to do their pre-release training at Saughton Prison. All prisoners at Saughton were subject to the same treatment, including those who, like those two applicants, were in the lowest security category.

The Court could not find that either the factors governing the choice of Saughton Prison for the latter part of those two applicants' sentences or the treatment undergone by them once at Saughton Prison were such as to ground an allegation of discrimination under article 14.

Accordingly, no arguable claim of violation of article 14 had been made out. That being so, the Court found no violation of article 13 in relation to this complaint.

C Conclusion

In conclusion, the facts of the case disclosed no violation of article 13 in respect of any of the applicants' complaints.

III Application of article 50

No claim was made in respect of damage sustained, whether pecuniary or non-pecuniary.

No costs or expenses were recoverable by Brian and John Rice and only a proportion of those incurred in connection with the representation of James and Sarah Boyle fell to be taken into account.

The Court held *ex aequo et bono* that Mr Boyle should be awarded £3,000, such figure to be increased by any value added tax which might be chargeable.

For those reasons, the Court held unanimously:

1 That there had been a violation of article 8 of the Convention in the case of Mr James Boyle

2 That there has been no violation of article 13.

3 That the UK was to pay to Mr James Boyle, in respect of costs and expenses, the sum of £3,000 together with any VAT that might be chargeable.

4 That the remainder of the claims for just satisfaction be rejected.

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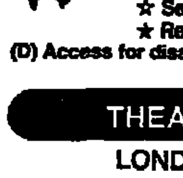

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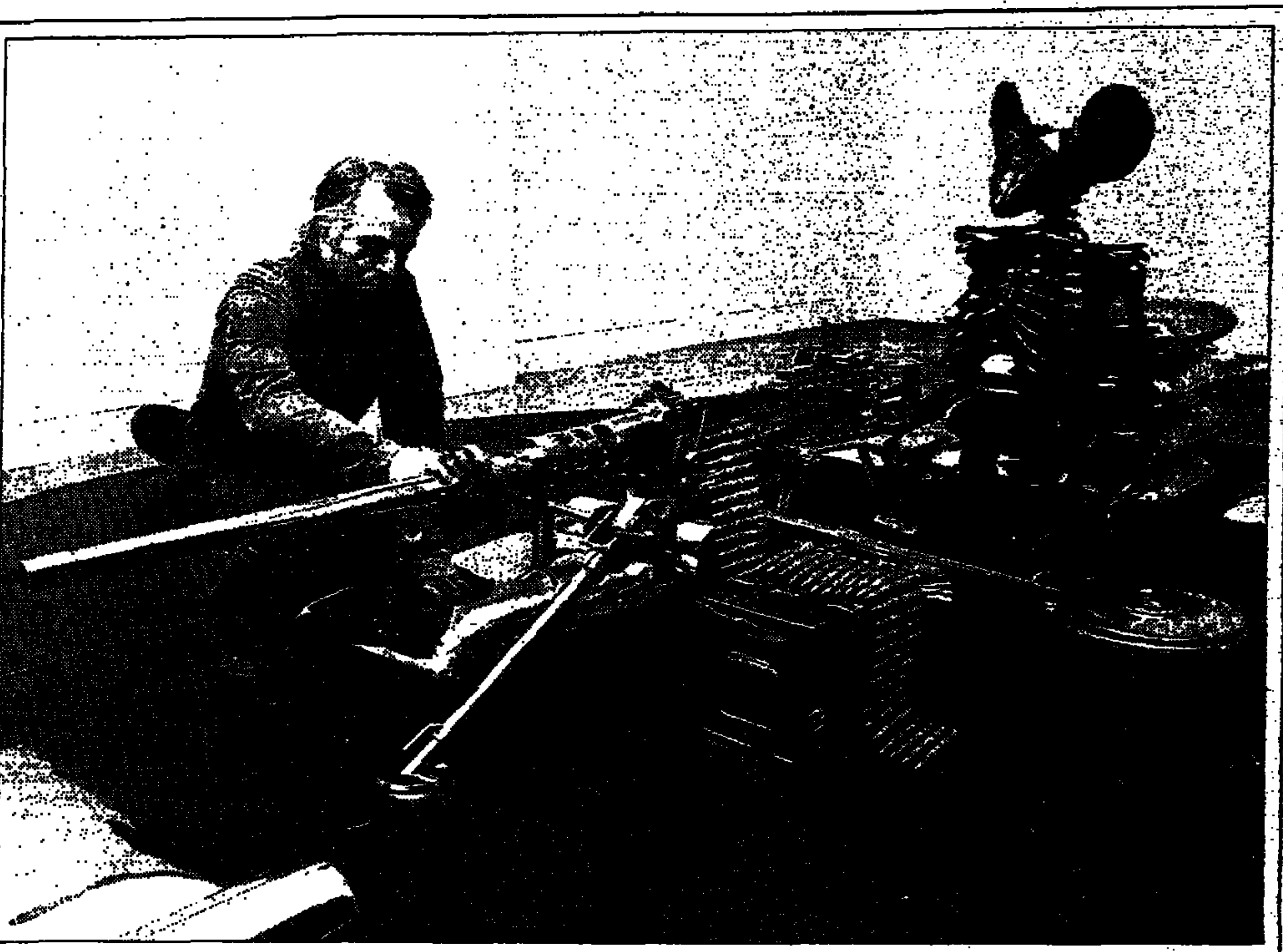

Skeletal forms: Michael Sandle putting together his "Mickey Mouse" sculpture for his retrospective exhibition at Whitechapel Art Gallery

Metal Mickey goes to war

Michael Sandle's one-off bronze A Twentieth Century Memorial is the sculptor's most obviously satirical work. It is the centrepiece of a comprehensive retrospective of the 51-year-old artist's sculpture and drawings organized by Whitechapel Art Gallery. A Twentieth Century Memorial, in which a skeletal Mickey Mouse squats impassively behind a high calibre machine gun, was made between 1971 and 1978, and was inspired by the artist watching daily television coverage of American atrocities in Vietnam while he was teaching in Canada. Equally important in the genesis of the piece was his disaffected personal reaction to so much in America that was "Mickey Mouse", in the sense of being cheap, counterfeit and lacking in profundity. Sandle's work, whose imagery exclusively confirms war memorials, biers and catafalques, is not so much about the futility of war as it is about the degradation of spiritual life in general. As a boy he experienced the Blitz and has since experienced everywhere, even at his home near Karlsruhe in West Germany, where has lived since 1973, the insensitive reconstruction of what was bombed. He finds such soulless jerry-building as much of an insult to humanity as war itself. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107), Tuesday to Sunday 11-5 pm, free, until June 26.

David Lee

THEATRE

LONDON

★ BACK WITH A VENGEANCE: Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm, £6.50-£17.50. Ends July 9. (D)

☆ THE COMMON PURSUIT: Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £6-£14.50.

★ DOCTOR FAUSTUS: Stephen Jenn plots to capture Peter Guinness's soul in Marlowe's version of the legend.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ THE FIFTEEN STREETS: Shipbuilder's daughter falls in love with Geordie docker in stage version of Catherine Cookson's flavoursome novel.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Previews until May 19 Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm. Mats Thurs May 19 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 2.30-5.15pm. Opens May 20 7.00-9.45pm. Previews £4-£12.50. From May 20 £5-£14.50.

☆ MARY STUART: Paola Dionisotti and Fiona Shaw as Bess and Mary in Schiller's romantic drama.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Train: Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). Preview tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm. *Opens* May 16, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, Mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

★ UNCLE VANYA: Michael Gambon in the title role, with Jonathan Pryce and other splendid people in Michael Blakemore's production.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews until May 23 Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm. Mat Sat 5pm. Opens May 24, 7pm. Then as before *plus*, from June 1, Mat on Wed, 2.30pm. Previews £5-£12.50, from May 24 £7.50-£15.

★ ZIEGFELD: Spectacular musical based on the life of the man who made the famous *Follies*, and costing a bomb. With Len Cariou, Geoffrey Hutchins and Louise Gold.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . **☆ The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . **☆ Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . **☆ Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . **★ Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . **☆ 42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . **☆ Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . **☆ Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . **☆ Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . **★ Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . **☆ The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . **★ Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . **☆ Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . **☆ Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . **☆ And Then There Were Non:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MULIEROSE
(c) Extremely keen on women, from the Latin *mulier* a woman + *-ose* indicating superfluity and over-the-topness.

ABROSIA
(a) Abstinence from food, from the Greek *a-* without + *broma, brosis* food, meat.

CULEBRAS
(c) Spanish "snakes": three cigars twisted together into a spiral shape.

ACHERONTIC
(c) Dark, gloomy, forbidding, from the River Acheron at the entrance to Hades.

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ Hay Fever: Googie Withers and John McCallum in matchless Coward comedy.
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £6.50-£12.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ Twelfth Night: Saskia Reeves, Tim McInnerny and Gary Waldhorn lovelorn in Illyria.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £2.60-£9.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks *(Terms of Endearment)* (132 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.15, 5.25, 8.15, 11.15.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.10.
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☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10, 11.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10, 11.10.
☎ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

■ EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG): J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War (153 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.40.
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00, 11.10.

■ FATAL ATTRACTION (18): A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family (119 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30, 11.55.

■ THE LAST EMPEROR (15): The extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler, with John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 7.40.
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55, 11.15.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.20, 7.45, 11.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 7.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.30, 7.30.

■ MOONSTRUCK (PG): Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25, 11.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30, 11.45.

ON THE BLACK HILL (15): British saga of four generations living in the Welsh border country (117 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 5.20, 8.05.
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.

■ PRINCE OF DARKNESS (18): The Devil's at large, raining slime and creepie-crawlies on the luckless cast (101 min).
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☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 8.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.

TAMPOPO (18): Offbeat Japanese comedy in which a truck-driver and his friend help a pretty widow overhaul her noodle shop (117 min).
☎ **Metro** (01-437 0757). Progs 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.
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■ THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG): Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare (103 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 6.05, 8.40.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20, 11.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30, 11.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40, 11.10.

TRAVELLING NORTH (15): A cantankerous old man faces retirement and declining health in Queensland (97 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.45, 9.10.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.30.

TESTIMONY (PG): Tony Palmer's flamboyantly staged exploration of Shostakovich's relationship with Stalin (157 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.

THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18): A story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia (172 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.40, 7.10, 10.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 4.30, 8.00, 11.30.

■ WALL STREET (15): Michael Douglas won an Oscar as the amoral wheeler-dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min).
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■ WITHNAIL AND I (15): Two out-of-work British actors try to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. (107 min).
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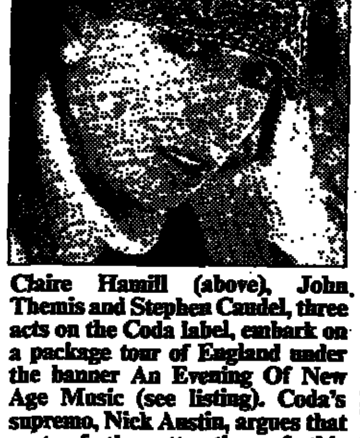
ROCK

☆ AN EVENING OF NEW AGE MUSIC: See caption.
Octogan Theatre Johnson Hall, Hendford, Yeovil (0935 22884) 8pm, £4-£7.



Claire Hamill (above), John Themis and Stephen Caudel, three acts on the Coda label, embark on a package tour of England under the banner An Evening Of New Age Music (see listing). Coda's supremo, Nick Austin, argues that part of the attraction of this relaxing, mellifluous music lies in the idea that the public is once again able to go out and see popular live artists "in comfortable surroundings". Ticket holders to the concerts will receive a free album on the night.

☆ TAMMY WYNETTE: The first lady of country music, best known for her hits "Stand By Your Man" and "D-I-V-O-R-C-E".
Royal Centre, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 483505) 7.30pm, £8-£10.

☆ NEW MODEL ARMY: Post-punk puritans shortly to begin recording a new album with producer Tom Dowd, whose previous clients include Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett.
Liverpool University Guild of Undergraduates, 2 Bedford Street North (051 709 4744) 8pm, £4.50-£5.

JAZZ

☆ JOE HENDERSON: The Rollins-influenced tenor player appears at the head of a quartet.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) 9.30pm, £5.50.

☆ TOMMY CHASE: The Brighton Jazz Festival continues with Art Blakey standards aimed squarely at the dance floor.
Concorde Club, Madeira Drive, Brighton (info 0273 674357/0) doors open 9.30pm, £4.

DANCE

☆ LA BAYADERE: Natalia Makarova's production for London Festival Ballet, with Christopher Bruce's new *Swansong* and Roland Petit's *Carmen*.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771) 7.30-10pm, £6.50.

☆ AND DO THEY DO: Siobhan Davies' work for London Contemporary Dance Theatre with others by Christopher Bannerman and Rosalind Newman
Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811), 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£7.

GALLERIES

PAOLOZZI'S PORTRAITS: Commissioned and imagined works by the Scottish sculptor.
National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri, 10-5pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 7.

ANDREW STAHL: New paintings in which Gaugin-like natives confront the nuclear age.
Paton Gallery, 2, Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854). Tues-Sat 11-6pm, free, until June 11.

TIM JOHNSON: Paintings mixing influences from Aboriginal and Western art by a young Australian artist.
Richard Pomeroy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1 (01-237 6062). Tues-Fri, 11-6.30pm, Sat 11-4pm, free, until June 11.

PENNY MCINTOSH AND JULES SMITH: Terracotta sculpture and paintings respectively.
Islington Arts Factory, 2, Parkhurst Road, London N7 (01-607 0561). Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat-Sun 11-5pm, free, until June 4.

WALKS

SAILORTOWN, WATERFRONT VILLAGE: meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £3 (also next Fri).

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (also next Fri).

GARDENS

GWYNEDD: Plas Newydd, Llanfairpwll, Anglesey; 1m SW of Llanfairpwll and A5, on A4080 to Brynsiencyn; turn off A5 at W end of Britannia Bridge; fine spring garden and parkland; formal rose garden; Braille guide; daily except Sats; 12-5pm, but open from 11am in July and Aug; admission £1.90, child 80p.

SOMERSET: Elworthy, Elworthy 12m NW of Taunton on B3188, 5m N of Wiveliscombe; 1 acre informal garden, mixed planting for year round interest; bulbs; alpines, unusual herbaceous plants; collecting box; Tues May 17, Sun Jun 19, Tues July 5, 12, Tues Sept 6, 13, 2-4pm; except June 19, 2-6pm; also by appointment (Stogumber 56427).

TWEEDDALE: Kailzie Garden, Peebles; 17 acres, magnificent views, extensive greenhouses, herbaceous borders, old roses, bulbs, water fowl and owls, plants for sale if available; art gallery and shop; admission £1, child under 12, 40p; daily until Oct 9; 11am, last entry 6.30pm.

OTHER EVENTS

EAST ANGLIAN CERAMICS FAIR: Specialist dealers selling mainly pre-1920 pottery, porcelain and glass.
The White Hart Hotel, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk. (0683 663051). Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow 11-5pm, £1.50 (child 50p).

DESIGN FOR SAVINGS: Opening day of a three week exhibition of poster art, assembled to mark the 125th anniversary of National Savings.
National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathay's Park, Cardiff (0222 397951). Until June 4. Tues-Sat 10-5pm Sun 2.30-5pm, free.

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST EVENT: Discover the life on and beside the reservoir — breeding waterfowl and warblers, wildflower and trees.
Lonsdale Road Reservoir, south end, Lonsdale Road, London SW13. (info: 01-381 8791), 7pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SEVENOAKS SUMMER FESTIVAL: Priority booking opens today for programme including English premiere of Maxwell Davies Oboe concerto, King's Singers on 20th anniversary tour; and appearances by John Ogdon, John Amis with Eleanor Bron. General booking from May 23.
Box office, Claridge House, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks. (0732 455133).

VIENNESE EVENING: Malcolm Sargent Summer Concert, with works by Strauss, Haydn, Lehar. Sep 18. Postal booking open. Phone/personal booking from June 13.
Royal Albert Hall, London, SW7. (01-589 8212/9465).

LAST CHANCE

A VIEW FROM THE SADDLE: 19th and 20th century racing and hunting images. Ends tomorrow.
Ackermann, 3 Old Bond Street, London, W1. (01-493 3288).

NAUM GABO: Sculpture by Russian pioneer of constructivism.
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull. (0482 222750). Ends Sunday.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse; Gardens: Roy Hay.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.00 Xerxes. Tomor 7.00 Cosi fan Tutte.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with the London Philharmonic Mon, Wed, Fri at 5.40pm and Sun at 4.40pm Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail Thurs & Sat at 6.20pm Kat 'a Kabanova All perfs SOLD OUT For possible returned tickets/recorded info call 0273 541111.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Ondine. Ballet casting info: 01 240 9815. Tomor 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA The Knot Garden.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.40 Friday Prayers for Ramadhan 1408 AH. Last of four programmes introduced by Prince Hassan bin Tala (r). **6.55 Weather.**

7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional News and Weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Bob Wellings receives viewers' points of view on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. **9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a topical discussion.

10.00 News and weather followed by **Four Square:** Quiz game (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r) and **Paddington** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** Reading by Shirley Dixon.

11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** BBC's World Service comes under the spotlight and its boss, John Tusa, will be taking calls from viewers. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. Includes news and weather at **12.05.**

12.30 Wildlife on One: The Water Walkers narrated by David Attenborough (r) (Ceefax). **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Threats are rife in Ramsay Street. But which are real and which are imagined?

1.50 Film: Botany Bay (1953). Adventure story set in the 1780s on a convict ship with Alan Ladd as the plucky medical student among a shipful of miscreants sailing out to settle in Australia. Also stars James Mason. Directed by John Farrow.

3.20 The Magic Paintbrush. Puppet animation from China (r). **3.40 Cartoons.**

3.50 Children's BBC with Andy Crane, followed by **Laurel and Hardy** (r). **4.00 Caterpillar Trail** City safari through the streets of London. **4.15 Paw Paws** Episode six of a 17-part cartoon series. **4.35 Knock Knock!** Game show.

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Gentle Ben The last in the series and the search continues for Ben. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard. **5.35 Neighbours** (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News Weather. 6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan with Sue Lawley. Tonight's guests are Robert Robinson, talking about the Kingman Report on literacy, ex-EastEnder Tom Watt, The Ink Spots and country singer Nanci Griffith.

7.40 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show hosted by Paul Daniels.

8.10 Dynasty. There is confusion after the shooting, and minds are made up but then changed. Alexis is determined to keep to her political master plan, as Blake discovers to his cost this week. (Ceefax).

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Rockcliffe's Babies. First of eight episodes with Ian Hogg as Detective Sergeant Rockcliffe. The Church Street Division Crime Squad are on the loose but without Rockcliffe's guidance things soon go wrong. (r) (Ceefax).

10.20 Omnibus. (See Choice).

11.20 Film: North Dallas Forty (1979). Nick Nolte plays a declining American football player propped up by drugs and alcohol and its boisterous backroom atmosphere. Also stars Charles Durning. Directed by Ted Kotcheff.

1.20am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Ends at **7.20.**

9.00 Ceefax.

9.30 Daytime on Two: Is the Price Right? (r) **9.55** Secrets **10.15** Gabi is training to become a teacher at Liezen in Austria (r). **10.38** River Landscape (r). **11.00** The Four Friends (r). **11.05** The statistics in the Ticky Tacky report are analysed. **11.22** Ceefax **11.35** Grain mountains are piling up and farmers are feeling the pinch due to changes in US foreign policy (r). **12.00** The power of language. Orders and instructions can be phrased in many ways: what matters is that their chosen audience takes notice (r). **12.35** Young police (r). **1.05** Basic skills in German — buying a ticket to the cinema (r).

1.20 Bertha A *See-Saw* programme for the very young (r). **1.35 Walrus.**

2.00 News followed by **You and Me** a series for four- and five-year olds (r).

2.15 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the week-end's Open University programmes (r).

2.20 *100 Great Sporting Moments.* From 1953 when Stanley Matthews was the FA Cup winner's medal and one of racing's most successful servants had a first Derby win (r).

2.25 Racing from Newbury. Introduced by Julian Wilson with commentators Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and news, regional news and weather at **3.50.**

4.25 Wideworld introduced by John Ridgway. Film competition for Mick Burke Awards. **5.00 Reefwatch** (r).

5.25 The Travel Guide Show presented by Paul Heiney with John Kettley and Matthew Collins. Today's programme includes a gentle warning about Tunisia, particularly for female viewers (r).

6.00 Film: The Gay Falcon (1941, b/w) starring George Sanders and Wendy Barrie. A jocular comedy with jewel thefts and murder. Directed by Irving Reis.

7.05 The Phil Silvers Show (r).

7.30 On the House. Floella Benjamin designs a nursery and Harry Greene shows how to replace perished bricks on a house.

8.00 Weekend. Guy Michelmore with the leisure scene for the south-east (see variations for other regions' programmes).

8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and John Kelly visit Rosemoor Gardens, Torrington, North Devon. (r) (Ceefax).

9.00 Blackadder the Third. Set in the golden age of English literature, Byron, Shelley and Coleridge are to be found supping coffee in Mrs Miggins's pie shop. Robbie Coltrane makes a guest appearance as Dr Samuel Johnson, who has spent the last ten years writing his new dictionary. With Rowan Atkinson as Blackadder and Tony Robinson as Baldrick (r) (Ceefax).

9.30 Review. Michael Cockerell reviews *A Prayer for the Dying*, the new film set amid the troubles in Northern Ireland, starring Mickey Rourke; and Andrew Graham Dixon reviews the first retrospective exhibition of British sculptor Michael Sandle who has only exhibited three pieces of his work in London in the past 15 years.

10.05 Secret Services: The Sewermen. Continuing the series which features jobs that nobody wants to talk about, tonight joins James Booth in Manchester's murky sewers. Some days he and his colleagues work in conditions where they are unable to stand upright, on others they are in massive chambers working knee-high in fast-flowing sewage.

10.45 Newsnight with a full report on the Prime Minister's speech to Scottish Tories in Perth.

11.35 Film: A Hill on the Dark Side of the Moon (1983). First showing on British television of this Swedish film (with English subtitles). Gunilla Nyroos won an award for her portrayal in this film of a richly gifted woman caught unawares by the irrationality of her feelings. Ends at **1.20 am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** with John Grieg. **6.30 The Morning Show** presented by Richard Keys. **7.00 Good Morning Britain** introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine with astrologer Russell Grant with stars for the week ahead.

9.25 Thames News.

9.30 Cross Wits. Word game. **10.00 Santa Barbara. 10.25 News** headlines.

10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . presented by Mike Scott. **11.00 Rainbow. 11.25 Thames News** headlines.

11.30 The Countryside in Question. In the last programme of the series Howard Newby asks: is the British countryside at a turning point in history? He wonders what kind of a countryside we want as we move towards the 21st Century.

12.00 The Krypton Factor. The eldest contestant in this series, fifty-year-old George Foot, competes in the first heat of Group B. (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**

1.00 News at One with Julia Sommerville. **1.20 Thames News.**

1.30 Man in a Suitcase. Last in the series and McGill investigates the case of a blind girl who becomes an innocent victim. **2.30 9 to 5.** American comedy series about office life (r).

3.00 Take the High Road. Isabel and Brian are being helped by counselling and the famous dinner takes place at the big house. **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.

4.00 Button Moon. Tina is very excited to be going to see the Paper Parade but Vacuum Cleaner is sad he doesn't have a fancy dress costume for the parade (r). **4.10 The Moomins** (r). **4.20 Scooby Doo. 4.45 Splash.** 12-year-old Adam Young gets a chance to fly a RAF jet.

5.15 Winner Takes All family quiz game.

5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle).

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show with Michael Aspel.

7.00 Through the Keyhole. Two famous people open their doors to super snooper Loyd Grossman. David Frost and celebrity panel, *meanwhile*, try to give the homeowners true identities (Oracle).

7.30 Watching. Another episode in the comedy love story. Paul Bown and Liza Tarbuck star.

8.00 My Husband and I. Situation comedy starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore.

8.30 Legwork. Claire, in financial difficulties, reluctantly accepts a highly-paid job as an investigator for a law firm.

9.25 Tales of the Unexpected: Mr Know-All. Professor Max Kelada, a brilliant archeologist, falls foul of his excessive womanising. Topol plays the amorous archeologist.

9.55 FA Cup Final Preview.

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. **10.30 LWT News** and weather.

10.35 The London Programme Special. Paedophilia is spreading. In tonight's programme frank interviews with both molesters and molested shed light on this shocking problem.

11.35 Film: Night Slaves (1970). Set in a small western town, enslaved by a compelling force, all but one of the townspeople allow themselves to be taken away to an unknown destination. This chilling science-fiction tale is strongly reminiscent in parts of Don Siegel's *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. Starring James Franciscus and Lee Grant. Directed by Ted Post. Followed by **News headlines.**

1.00am Night Network.

4.00 Baseball '88.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.

12.00 Nature in Focus. Part five of the series looks at spiders and their webs.

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by John Plender.

1.00 On Course presented by Anna Ford.

2.00 The Parliament Programme. A review of yesterday's debates in both Houses presented by Alastair Stewart.

2.30 Film: One, Two, Three (1961) Fast moving modern farce, raucous but with some nice in-jokes, especially James Cagney's threat to squash a grapefruit in Horst Buchholz's face. Directed by Billy Wilder.

4.30 Countdown. Dick Green from Bracknell takes on the *Countdown* challenger. Derek Nimmo is in dictionary corner.

5.00 Winners: Tarflowers. Australian drama series that uses stories to raise issues that children are thinking about. **5.55 Murun Buchstansangur.**

6.00 The Chart Show. A run-down of the top pop music records; also new releases and the Chart File Update. This week's specialist chart is on dance.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen and includes the final part of Nik Gowing's report from Afghanistan, followed by weather (Oracle).

7.55 Book Choice. Author and journalist Geoffrey Wheatcroft reviews John Mortimer's new novel *Summer's Lease* (Oracle).

8.00 What the Papers Say tonight presented by Richard Ingrams, former editor of *Private Eye* and currently contributing to *The Observer*.

8.15 Dispatches. In a world exclusive PLO chairman Yasser Arafat speaks for the first time about the recent assassination of his deputy Abu Jihad. He also discusses the recent political reconciliation between the PLO and the Syrian government. As the State of Israel prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary this Sunday *Dispatches* examines the continuing dilemmas facing the PLO.

9.00 The Cosby Show. American domestic comedy series (Oracle).

Woody Allen and Louise Lasser learn the facts of life (C4, 12.15am)

9.30 A Gardener's Guide. Part five of this series gives ideas for window boxes, hanging baskets and assorted containers, proving gardening is possible even if you don't have a garden (Oracle).

10.00 Cheers. American comedy series (Oracle).

10.30 The Last Resort with Jonathan Ross. Among tonight's guests are John Byrne of comedy series *Tutti Frutti* American comedian Gilbert Gottfried, and rising soul singer Micia Paris.

11.35 Wired. Second instalment of a new music series presented by Tim Graham. Featuring Tina Turner, Prefab Sprout, Style Council, The Misson and Led Zepplin.

12.15 Film: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex. . . But Were Afraid to Ask (1972). This film, inspired by Dr David Reuben's non-fiction best seller is comprised of seven satirical sketches on the theme of sex. Woody Allen is at his zaniest and although he does at times resort to the very crude, it provides some good laughs. Starring Woody Allen, Burt Reynolds, Lynn Redgrave and John Carradine. Directed by Woody Allen.

1.55am Naked Yoga. Ends **2.25.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **1.15-1.20** News headlines and weather **SCOTLAND: 9.00am-9.20** News and weather followed by Jean Redpath Sings **10.50** Dotaman **11.00-12.00** News and weather followed by Conference 88 **1.50pm-3.50** Conference 88 **6.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.20** Left, Right and Centre **10.50** Omnibus: "A Poisoned Chalice?" **1.40am** Film: North Dallas Forty **1.40-1.45** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** News

BBC2 **WALES: 8.00pm** Public Account **8.30-9.00** Gardening Together **SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Weekend **NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.38** Ulster in Focus **8.00pm-8.30** Mastermind

ANGLIA As London except: **12.30-1.00** Look Who's Talking (Bob Carolgees) **1.20** Anglia News and Weather **1.30-3.00** Film: The Night We Got the Bird* **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.35** Cross Question **11.15-1.00am** Film: A Killer in the Family

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** Border News **1.30** Film: Footsteps in the Dark **3.15** Indoor Gardening **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Friday **8.30-9.25** Murder, She Wrote **10.35** Conference Report **11.05** Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again **12.30am** Weather, close

CENTRAL As London except: **12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30-3.00** Film: The Best of Benny Hill **6.00-7.00** Central News **10.35** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: Valley of the Dolls **2.20am** UK Top Ten **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.45** Rory Gallagher in Concert **4.30-6.00** The Other Side of Midnight

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** The Week in View **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels 3.30-4.00 **The Young Doctors** 6.00 **Granada Reports** 6.30-7.00 **ALF** 8.30-9.25 **Magnum** 10.35 **This England** 11.05 **Number** 12.05am **The Other Side of Midnight** 12.30 **Film: Nighthawks** 2.25 **UK Top 10** 2.55 **America's Top 10** 3.25 **Europe's Top 10** 3.55-5.00 **Ian Dury — Live**

HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Fruits of Southampton **1.20** HTV News **1.30-3.00** Film: Tank Force **6.00-7.00** HTV News **10.35** Good Neighbours Show **11.05** Your Say **11.20** Kojak **12.20am** Celebrity **2.30** Weather, Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.35** Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Bob Hope) **11.05** Kojak **12.05am** Celebrity **2.15** Weather, Close

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** An Invitation to Remember **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-3.00** Film: Tank Force **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Today **6.45-7.00** Televiews **8.30-9.25** Murder, She Wrote **10.35** Film: Bandolero! **12.30am** Music Special **1.30** Postscript **1.35** Weather, Close

TVS As London except: **12.00** Child's Play **12.30pm** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** The Treatment **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** The Krypton Factor **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening! **10.35** Facing South **11.05-1.00** Film: Gator **4.00** Company, Close

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30-3.00** Film: The Old Man Who Cried Wolf **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Who's The Boss? **10.35** Film: Woman in Love **12.50am** Epilogue **1.00-6.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Ulster Newstime **1.30-3.00** Film: Floods of Fear **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat **10.35** Witness **10.40** Falcon Crest **11.35** The Man From UNCLE **12.30am** News

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Mary **1.20** Calendar News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30-3.00** Film: Piccadilly Third Stop* **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Sounds Good **8.30-9.25** Crazy Like a Fox **10.35** Film: Firecreek **12.30am** Film: Voyage of the Damned **2.15** Jobfinder **3.15** Close

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Ysgolion **12.00** Countdown **12.30** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** The Parliament Programme **2.30** Film: Dead Reckoning* **4.20** Briwsion **4.35** Dafydd **5.00** Winners **6.00** The Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Ma' Ifan 'Ma **8.10** Carreg Aab **8.35** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.20** Film: The Good Father **11.05** The Twilight Zone **11.30** The Last Resort **12.15** Film: Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) **1.55** Naked Yoga **2.25** Close

RTE 1 Starts: **4.00** News Headlines followed by Dempsey's Den and Bosco **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Cockleshell Bay **4.50** Newsline **5.15** The Gemini Factor **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Cartoon Time **6.35** All In Good Faith **7.05** Sea Hunt **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Matlock **9.00** News **9.30** The Late Late Show **11.30** Late News **11.35** Film: The Uncanny **1.15am** Close

RTE 2 Starts: **5.10pm** Sons and Daughters **5.40** Get Smart **6.10** Film: The Adventures of Marco Polo **8.00** Naucht **8.10** Cursai **8.40** QED **9.35** Paper Chase **10.30** Newsnight **10.50** Portraits (Fay Godwin) **11.45** Close

Jeremy Isaacs (left) and Bernard Haitink: will their regime result in more enterprising operas? (Omnibus: BBC1, 10.20pm)

How will the new Garden grow?

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Taking as its peg the new Jeremy Isaacs-Bernard Haitink regime at Covent Garden, Kevin Loader's film for **Omnibus** (BBC1, 10.20pm) looks at the state of British opera. Through hostile witnesses, mainly critics, it accuses Covent Garden of lacking policy and direction. It implies that the more exciting work tends to happen elsewhere. Nicholas Hytner, who seems to direct every other operatic production these days, compares "big fat voices coming from big fat people in crumbly sets" to the way the English National Opera, or the Welsh, or Opera North are forging new ways of communicating with audiences. Fuddy-duddy Covent Garden is contrasted with the the enterprise of the ENO's Mafia *Rigoletto* or its *Carmen* set in a car lot. Covent Garden gets £13 million a year from the taxpayer but Isaacs insists it is still underfunded. He says he wants to create a resident company of singers to reduce reliance on the expensive megastars, while recognizing that Covent Garden must still bring over the Domingos and the Pavarottis because these are the people the public wants to hear. The trouble with the programme is that it tries to cover far too much. It was a good idea to go to New York, and Houston and Paris, to provide an international context, but an hour is not long enough to cover this vast field. I could have done with a whole programme on Houston, where operas are marketed like toothpaste and *Die Entführung* becomes *Yanked from the Harem*. Or on the controversial new Bastille Opera taking shape in Paris. Or, not least, on how Opera 80 is trying to break down the cultural barriers by taking Mozart to such unlikely venues as a badminton court in Ashington, Northumberland.

Peter Waymark

Chasing Hare's

RADIO CHOICE

● The springboard for David Hare's **The Bay at Nice** (Radio 3, 9.00pm) is deceptively simple: is the Matisse which a Russian expert (Irene Worth) is asked to examine genuine or a fake? By the time her verdict is delivered, we have again learnt the lesson all Hare's plays teach us if we listen intelligently — we must not judge the contents by the packaging. To find the clues that solve the intellectual riddle at the heart of the play, we must look beyond the question of the authenticity of the Matisse to the wider question of the genuineness of the motives that impel the expert's daughter (Zoë Wanamaker) to contemplate wrecking her marriage and start a new life with another man. "Love," warns the mother, "is a bet placed by two shivering tramps at the racetrack, with nothing guaranteed at the end." It may sound like a platitude, but when Hare puts into the mother's mouth the sentiment that painting — and, by implication, love — is to do with the quality of feeling, we are almost persuaded that we are hearing a profound truth for the very first time.

Irene Worth as an expert on art, love and life (R3, 9.00pm)

● Looking ahead to the weekend, I recommend part two of **Do Bop She Bop**, Harvey Brough's cheerfully informative guide to vocal harmony in pop music (tomorrow, Radio 2, 6.00pm), and part five of Michael Bakewell's mould-breaking biography of Dickens, **The Best of Times — the Worst of Times** (Sunday, Radio 4, 7.00pm).

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Nicky Campbell **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **9.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years (Alan Keith) **10.30** Star Terk II **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00** David Bellan presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On... **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Rhythms of the Sun **8.30** *Music Now* **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Future Imperfect **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Open Air Phone In **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Talking From... **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** *Europe's World* **12.30** Business Matter **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty Four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A *Confederacy of Dunces* **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Personal View **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Behind the Wall **10.00** World News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Open Air Phone In **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** *Review of the British Press* **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in G, Op 4 No 3: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood with Monica Huggett); Schumann (Arabesque: Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano); J C Bach (Sinfonia in B flat, Op 18 No 2: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Montgomery)
7.30 News
7.35 *Concert contd:* Haydn (Trumpet Concerto in E flat: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner, with Hakan Hardenberger); Fauré (Pelléas et Mélisande: Rotterdam PO under Zinman with Jill Gomez, soprano); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol: Cleveland Orchestra under Maazel)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Chopin. Piano Trio in G minor, Op 8 by Beaux Arts Trio (Menahem Pressler, piano, Isidore Cohen, violin, Bernard Greenhouse, cello); Polish Songs Op 74 (The Double End, I Want What I Have Not, and Melody) by Elisabeth Söderström, soprano, with Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano; and Concert Rondo in F, Op 14 (Krakowiak) by LPO under Inbal with Claudio Arrau, piano
9.35 Rubbra and Muldowney: Andrew Knights (oboe/oboe d'amore/cor anglais) with Jane Dodd (piano) plays Rubbra's Duo, Op 156 and Dominic Muldowney's Three Hymns to Agape (r)
10.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra: John Beckett conducts Walter Leigh's Overture to Jolly Roger; Hindemith's Spielmusik; Mozart's Symphony No 14 in A (K 114); and Walter Leigh's Interlude for the Theatre
10.45 American Songs: Derek Ragin (counter-tenor) and Julian Drake (piano) perform songs including Barber's Three hermit songs, Praises of God, and Crucifixion; Aaron Copland's Old American Songs Volume 2, Little Horses, and Chinga Ring Chaw; Charles Ives's West London, and The Greatest Man; and Barber's Despite and Still, Op 41
11.20 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Edward Downes conducts Mozart's Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat (K 482); and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2 in E minor. With Michael Roll (piano) (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Sophie Langdon (violin) and Clifford Benson (piano) play Dvorak's Sonatina in G, Op 100; Charles Ives's Sonata No 3; and Ned Rorem's Day Music
2.00 Music from the Ballet: BBC Concert Orchestra under Ashley Lawrence perform Elgar's The Sanguine Fan and Glazunov's Suite from Scènes de ballet, Op 52 (last in the series)
2.55 Panocha String Quartet: Jiri Panocha and Pavel Zejfart (violins), Moroslav Sehnoutka (viola) and Jaroslav Kulhan (cello) play Haydn's Quartet in E flat Op 33 No 2 (Joke); Martinu's Quartet No 4; and Dvorak's Quartet in E flat Op 51 (r)
4.00 Ulster Orchestra: Bryden Thomson conducts Malcolm Williamson's Next Year in Jerusalem and Three Poems of Borges; and Sibelius's Symphony No 3 in C, Op 52. With Heather Harper (soprano) (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz Spiegl with music written by and for the friends of Thomas Gainsborough (1727-88)
6.30 The Piano Blues: (3 of 10) Francis Wilford-Smith continues his history of the piano in the blues with an examination of Boogie-Woogie
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear in Glasgow: David Hayman, actor and director, talks to Joyce MacMillan about Glasgow theatre
7.30 Arditti String Quartet (part one): Live from Pebble Mill, Birmingham. Martinu's Quartet No 7 (Concerto da camera); and John Buller's Familiar
8.05 Scenes from a Disturbed Childhood: Adam Czerniawski recalls his experiences as a four-year-old in September 1939 when Hitler invaded Poland and his family had to escape to Istanbul (r)
8.25 Arditti String Quartet (part two): Lutoslawski's Quartet
9.00 The Bay at Nice: by David Hare. With Irene Worth, Zoë Wanamaker (r) (see Choice)
10.10 Schubert: Piano Sonata in B flat (D 960) by Edith Vogel
11.00 Composers of the Week: Karl Goldmark. Excerpts from *The Cricket on the Hearth*, *A Winter's Tale*, and Violin Concerto No 1 (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Nixe Binsefuss by Helen Donath (soprano) with Klaus Donath (piano) **12.10** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Peggy Makins, the agony-aunt Evelyn Home (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The House by Nesta Tuomey. Read by Roisin Donaghy
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; A Bloody Union Jack on Top of it: Second of two programmes exploring the decision to purchase Polaris missiles in 1964, the problems of maintaining a deterrent, through to the latest purchase of Trident (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Penelope Lively talks to Rosemary Sutcliffe, writer of historical novels for children
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard. What lessons can Glasgow learn from previous garden festivals — and what can the site be used for when it's over?
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. Food quality marks — do they matter? Reports from France and Britain
1.00 The World at One: Presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Presented by Mavis Nicholson from Manchester. Includes items on anti-racist policies in schools, the game of Bolton Rounders, the problems of grey hair, a knitting holiday in Southport, and an interview with Rusty Lee about her role in the Fats Waller musical *Ain't Misbehavin'*
3.00 News; Adam Bede by George Eliot, dramatized in six parts by Alan England. With Terry Molloy, Sally Eldridge, Tim Brierley and Gillian Goodman (5) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Game Game: The last of four programmes in which Nick Baker examines the British passion for games of all descriptions: The Murder Game (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Freewheeling: Ken Bruce with a weekly guide to what's going on, where and when. Includes reports on the Glasgow Garden Festival, and the Borders village of Newcastleton which is hoping to break into the first division of tourism
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents highlights from the week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Nicholas Ridley MP, Secretary of State for the Environment; David Steel MP; Joe Mills, Secretary, Northern Region TGWU; and Claire Rayner, author and journalist
9.05 Stop Press: Michael Elliott presents a personal review of the week's newspapers
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen in conversation with Sir Peter Hall, about to leave the National Theatre, having been its director for 15 years. He talks about his many battles with government, Arts Council and union, and some of his celebrated productions and the talent he has nurtured
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut (5 to 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00-12.00** For Schools **11.00** Explorers **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** *Let's Join In* **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Folk Dance Wales **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time

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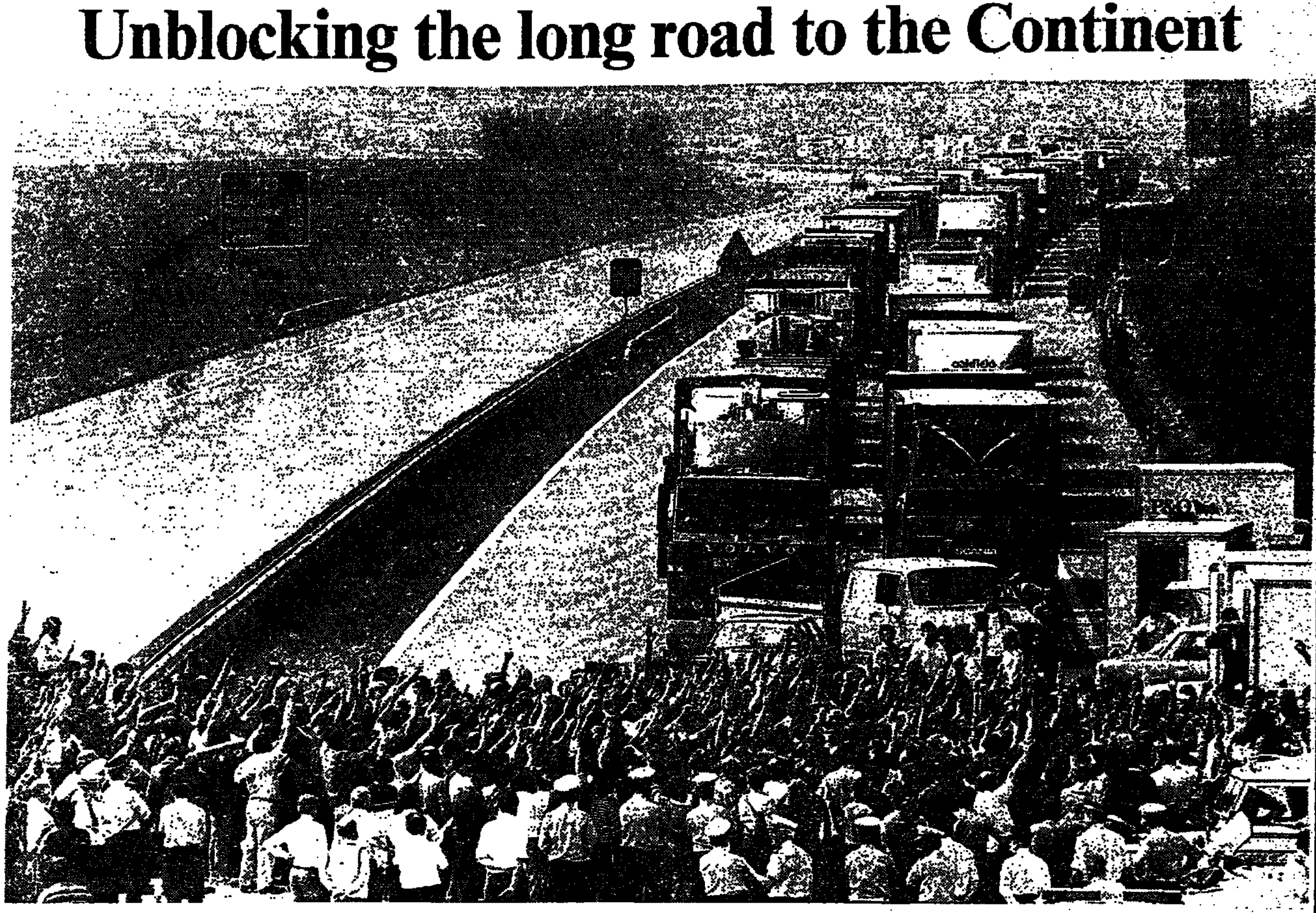
Unblocking the long road to the Continent



Back to business: Lorry drivers voting yesterday on the M20 near Folkestone to end their blockade of Dover. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Geneva talks overcome INF Treaty obstacles

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Geneva

The United States and the Soviet Union yesterday cleared the way for the INF Treaty to be ratified by the US Senate, possibly in time for the Moscow summit.

Agreement on all nine issues which led the US Senate to postpone its ratification debate was reached after two days of talks between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

Mr Shultz predicted that President Reagan's fourth summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov would be highly productive.

He said it could include a new accord on peaceful nuclear explosions and added that the two sides were close to agreement on testing of nuclear weapons. But he ruled out any chance of an agreement to cut strategic nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent being ready for signing in time.

Two senior American officials were to fly back to Washington last night to brief the senators. But while Mr Shultz said he could see no reason why the treaty should not now be ratified, he refused to express optimism. "What the Senate does now is entirely up to the Senate. I am not going to make any predictions."

The most important differences on the treaty were originally presented in the United States as stemming from attempts by Moscow to renege on the wording originally agreed. But Mr Shultz did not accept that.

"All of the issues ... have been resolved satisfactorily," he said. Although he refused to give the details, he made it clear that American inspectors will be able to look inside Soviet containers not big enough to hold complete missiles but large enough to conceal rocket stages.

Washington also appears to have got its way in insisting on its right to look inside any building at a verification site that is big enough to hold "treaty limited items", even if Moscow argues that the building has no military purpose.

Mr Shultz did not rule out the possibility of a fifth summit before President Reagan leaves office.

Airbus work sub-contracted to US

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Aerospace has sub-contracted some work on the Airbus to a United States firm after no British company put in a bid, BAe said yesterday.

The long-range Airbus jet is a joint European project. British Aerospace employs more than 6,000 people making the wings, but needed to sub-contract 15 per cent of the work.

More than 100 companies worldwide were contacted. It was announced yesterday that the £375 million contract had been won by Textron Aerostructures of Nashville.

BAe said: "It is a fact of life that the large factories and the capability of providing the work we need is in North America.

The deal is for huge sections of the leading edges and top skins of the high technology wing, designed in Britain. The first US-built sections will be delivered in July 1989. When British workers have completed the main structure, it will go to Bremen, West Germany for finshing then to Toulouse, France for final assembly.

United States companies already produce up to 30 per cent of the Airbus, mainly the engines, and all the partners have some form of link with various US firms. However, the fact that a big slice of the British share has gone to the United States is likely to cause anger in Britain and Europe.

Moscow applauds traitor Philby

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territories of a number of European states as well as of countries of the Middle and Near East."

The obituary also confirmed that Philby, who was married to a Soviet woman, Rufa — his fourth wife, who was half-Russian, half-Polish — continued to work for Soviet intelligence after arriving in Moscow during 1963 after defecting from Beirut.

"Having carried out a new mission, Kim Philby came to Moscow where he continued the work that had become for him the meaning and purpose of his entire life," the fulsome obituary stated.

The 24-line obituary, headlined "The death of Kim Philby", also stated: "For a long time Kim Philby was engaged in an exceptionally delicate work or, better said, a struggle directly within the special services of the capitalist countries whose thrust was spearheaded both against the Soviet Union and the world's progressive movement."

Tass also described the British traitor as "an internationalist" who "loved his British people, valued its spiritual wealth and believed in its happy future".

The arrival of his son John with his wife on a flight from London added weight to rumours that the funeral may be held in Moscow later today, apparently with the minimum of publicity but with the honours due to a KGB general with his decorations.

One of the mourning party is expected to be another British defector, George Blake, who was partially responsible for introducing Philby to Rufa.

Although Philby had been treated in private as something of a returning hero since his defection from Beirut a quarter of a century ago, Western diplomats were uncertain whether he would merit burial in the atmospheric Novedevichi cemetery, which ranks second after the Kremlin Wall as the final resting place for prominent Soviet citizens.

A Western diplomat with good intelligence contacts declared: "It is likely that the old fox will keep us guessing until the last."

The decision not to publicize news of Philby's death (thought to have taken place some time on Tuesday or early on Wednesday) matches the official secrecy which surrounded his life in Moscow. His son John refused to speak to reporters before leaving London Airport aboard an Aeroflot jet, making it clear that the funeral was intended to be a family affair. He first heard of his father's death from *The Times*, despite the prior warning given to the Foreign Office by the Soviet Embassy in London.

Sealink declares all-out war

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appointed in the way it came. If they had stayed strong for a wee while longer we would have faced the difficulties and done it in a different manner.

"We must recognize the strength of feeling for a return to work, particularly in Sealink."

The union will now seek to purge its contempt of court which led to the sequestration and cost it more than £300,000 in fines. As it met yesterday, the executive was aware that Mr Justice Michael Davies had warned that future fines would be higher

The unanimous decision by the 15-man executive committee of the NUS will be bitterly opposed by some members of the union's ferries ports committee, who during marathon talks in London earlier this week had opposed any end to the national dispute brought about by a compromise with Sealink.

In addition to the changed mood at Dover, seafarers at Fishguard, Holyhead, and Stranraer also decided to return to work.

Calling off its secondary action, the executive passed the motion which said it had done so "in the interests of maintaining the unity of the union's membership in order to direct the maximum effort towards the achievement of a satisfactory settlement on the dispute with P&O at Dover".

Commons sketch

A wait in vain for the puffer train

The House of Commons is like a disused railway station within which many comings and goings are posted on the timetable but few ever occur.

This week's next Prime Minister, Mr John Major, was sitting next to last week's most likely resignation, Mr Lawson, answering questions from next week's favourite for party leadership, Mr Alan Beith, and yet it seems probable that in twenty years' time they will still be sitting in the same positions mulling over exactly the same questions.

Passengers stuck on a platform with no sign of life are often inclined to hallucinate the distant poop-poop of a train, thus keeping their spirits up for a few more minutes.

A Labour backbencher asked when the Lawson puffer would be leaving. Mr John Major, in reply, expressed his "strong preference that the Rt Hon Gentleman remains Chancellor for very many years to come". The vandals then began to spray the stationary Chancellor with abuse. One complained that the extra money he had awarded the rich would merely be spent on "European cars and Swiss chocolates".

But Mr Lawson is fitted with a rich variety of alarm bells and vandal repellants. "A particularly foolish question, even from the Hon. Member", he intoned plumply. He then offered an explanation to the question that worried so many American writers in the first half of this century. The rich were indeed different, he suggested, because "the thing that distinguishes the rich is the fact that they save more of their earnings". So, with this tip from the top, Messrs Fitzgerald and Hemmingway need worry no more.

Mr Bob Maclennan then arose, an event of such moment that even sturdy railway metaphors found themselves chugging off into a siding. "WOOHOOHOO!" went the House, "WOOHOOHOO!"

Whenever Mr Maclennan rises to speak, the whole House whoops with delight, so that he has to sit down and stand up and sit down until they have stopped, a set of motions which at least lends credence to his Christian name, if not to his stature.

"Is he concerned by the extension of credit as manifested by. . ." begin the next past leader of the SLD, and those Members who had failed to notice him when he originally took to his feet now caught up on their backlog of giggles. "TEEHEEHEE" they went. "Order!" said the Speaker, "Mr Maclennan!".

Mr Maclennan continued his question as if nothing had happened. ". . . growth of domestic credit as manifested in. . ." he went on, but without the trousers falling and the bow-tie swirling, the sad-faced clown finds it hard to hold the attention of the crowd.

Back came Mr Lawson, to reveal that he had recently been reading the "Situations Vacant" columns in a variety of local papers, and had found them fuller than ever before. This he saw as proof that Britain was booming, but Mr Dennis Skinner saw it as proof that the Chancellor was himself job-hunting.

"When he's looked through the Situations Vacant and found himself a job will he tell the Prime Minister and then will he pass the column on to the leader of the SDP and then to the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and then to the Leader of the so-called SLD 'cos e's lookin' for a job as well", he cackled.

At times, it seemed as if the members of the SLD were leaping up and down in a vain attempt to simulate vast Parliamentary numbers prior to their leadership election. Mr Alan Beith, who had been up already, and would be up again later, was once more on his feet. He too is now awarded with hoots and cheers as he stands, but he deals with them differently. Mr Maclennan treats them with the disdain the Boy contrived to feel for the Burning Deck, whilst Mr Beith appears to welcome them, chuckling along as if genuinely delighted to have been noticed at all.

Following the hoots, Mr Major noted that Mr Beith's popularity in the House appeared to have risen. Later, the Prime Minister was to wish him "an interesting week ahead". Recognition from the Prime Minister! Such attention! Oh, to be a Liberal, now that election time is here!

Craig Brown

Scientists identify panic fit chemical

Montreal (AP) — Scientists have identified a brain chemical that causes panic attacks when injected into panic attack patients, suggesting the substance may play a role in the disorder that afflicts 1.2 million Americans.

All 11 panic attack patients given cholecystokinin intravenously suffered attacks, beginning an average of 20 seconds after the injection, according to Dr Jacques Bradwejn of McGill University in Montreal.

The patients said the symptoms occurred in the same order as in spontaneous attacks, he said. Dr Bradwejn reported the study at the American Psychiatric Association's annual meeting.

Panic attacks strike victims with overwhelming terror for no apparent reason. Attacks can include such symptoms as sweating, heart palpitations.

Editor's win

New York (AP) — Mr Ray Ekpu, aged 39, editor-in-chief of *Newswatch* magazine in Nigeria, received *World Press Review* magazine's International Editor of the Year award for 1987.

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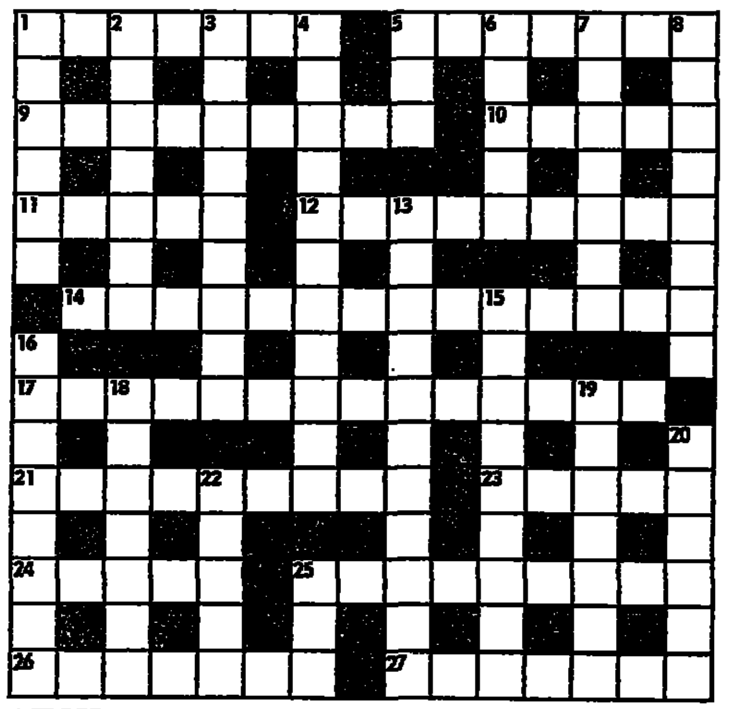

ACROSS
1 Fashionable fellow unpunctual — blow up (7).
5 Where to find spoon for the tea, say? (4-3).
9 Peter usin' keys for security device (6-3).
10 Courts disaster in tiara (5).
11 See-through net (5).
12 Get rid of players to the A team (4,5).
14 An awfully important chore, like sizing somebody up (14).
17 Was her lover titled? Yes and no (4,10).
21 Sheba's king disposed to receive ambassador's present (9).
23 Practice costume (5).
24 Charge right into the river (5).
25 Practise this to eliminate foot-faults (9).
26 Old instrument, sound quality, a pound (7).
27 Saint Simon the lawman (7).

DOWN
1 White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, for example, is a six-footer (6).
2 The number required for rebellion (7).
3 Chair a TUC move to do with inflexible rule (9).
4 Trust with nil value makes one spit (11).
5 50% pure spirit (3).
6 Reversible metal spike carried by a climber in the tropics (5).
7 An obstacle to one who wrote for the Theatre Royal (7).
8 Old expression of thanks when the king is given a blessing (8).
13 Unsympathetic treatment for redhead in mini-skirt (5,6).
15 Part of the Underground ventilation system (9).
16 Iron bed end can make one lame (4-4).
18 Duchy gives a hand to Catholic dignitary (7).
19 Entangle mutton on grill (7).
20 Not much of a goer, this horse! (6).
22 Kind of purchase supported by right employer (5).
25 Pass twice in college collections (3).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MULIEROSE
a. Weepy and soppy
b. A scented yellow rose
c. Fond of women

ABROSIA
a. Fasting and abstinence
b. A biennial rock flower
c. The food of the lesser Gods

CULEBRAS
a. Red embroidered braces
b. An island by Madeira
c. A valley of cigars

ACHERONTIC
a. Bronchial
b. A didactic epic
c. Glum and depressing

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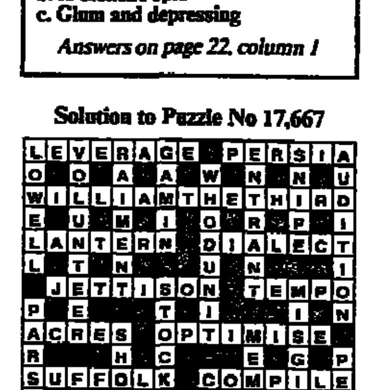
Solution to Puzzle No 17,667



WEATHER

Over most eastern parts of the UK it will be dry with sunny periods although near the coast it will be cloudy at times, possibly with a little drizzle. South-western England and Wales will have cloud with showers, some heavy, and sunny intervals. Elsewhere it will be mainly dry with sunny periods. Mist or fog patches may affect many parts of southern and central England early on. Outlook: little change.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	c	Madrid	13	55	f
Athens	24	75	f	Majorca	20	68	f
Barbads*	31	88	f	Malta	23	73	s
Barcelna	17	63	c	Miami*	28	82	s
Bermuda*	25	77	f	Milan	14	57	c
Biarritz	19	66	f	Montreal*	12	54	c
Borde'x	19	66	c	Moscow	14	57	s
Brussels	19	66	s	Naples	21	70	f
B Aires*	15	59	c	N Delhi	41	106	s
Cairo	33	91	s	N York*	20	68	f
C'blanca	19	66	c	Paris	15	59	c
Chicago*	19	66	s	Perth	20	68	t
Ch'church	14	57	f	Rhodes	23	73	s
C'phagn	18	64	s	Rio de J	25	77	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Riyadh	40	104	s
Dublin	13	55	c	Rome	22	72	f
Faro	18	64	f	Salzburg	22	72	s
Florence	20	68	d	S F'risco*	21	70	s
Frankfurt	22	72	s	S Paulo*	23	73	s
Geneva	17	63	f	Seoul	21	70	s
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Helsinki	21	70	s	St'kholm	19	66	s
Hong K	28	82	c	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Innsbrck	22	72	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Istanbul	19	66	f	Tenerife	21	70	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	18	64	c
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Toronto*	14	57	s
Karachi	36	97	s	Tunis	27	81	f
L Palmas	22	72	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	f
Le Tquet	16	61	f	Vienna	18	64	s
Lisbon	15	59	f	Warsaw	19	66	f
Locarno	13	55	c	Wash'ton*	23	73	s
L Angels*	24	75	s	Wel'nton	13	55	s
Luxembg	18	64	s	Zurich	19	66	s

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	0.2	-	10	50	dull
Hunstanton	0.1	.03	10	50	dull
Lowestoft	-	-	11	52	dull
Clacton	0.2	.01	11	52	rain
Eastbourne	2.7	-	13	55	dull
Brighton	5.3	-	14	57	sunny
Worthing	6.2	-	15	59	bright
Bognor R	9.7	-	14	57	sunny
Southsea	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	11.3	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	12.2	-	18	64	sunny
Exmouth	11.5	-	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	9.5	-	17	63	sunny
Torquay	8.7	-	17	63	bright
Scilly Isles	8.7	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	9.8	-	16	61	sunny
Minehead	9.9	-	18	64	sunny
Morecambe	7.9	-	17	63	sunny
Carlisle	2.4	-	13	55	dull
Nottingham	2.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	14.3	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.9	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Aberdeen	0.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.1	-	11	52	dull
Kinloss	11.0	-	17	63	sunny
Prestwick	11.3	-	16	61	bright
Stornoway	6.5	-	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	2.6	-	15	59	bright
Wick	1.4	-	10	50	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's temperatures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.05	6.5	12.50	7.0
Aberdeen	12.01	3.8	12.04	4.0
Avonmouth	5.51	12.3	6.20	12.4
Belfast	9.49	3.3	10.18	3.2
Cardiff	5.36	11.4	6.05	11.5
Devonport	4.24	5.1	5.00	5.2
Dover	9.53	6.1	10.08	6.3
Falmouth	3.54	4.9	4.30	5.0
Glasgow	11.32	4.5	—	—
Harwich	10.42	3.7	10.52	3.6
Holyhead	8.58	5.3	9.33	5.2
Hull	5.10	6.8	5.06	7.1
Ilfracombe	4.38	8.4	5.03	8.4
Leith	1.07	5.2	1.21	5.3
Liverpool	9.56	8.9	10.28	8.8
Lowestoft	8.28	2.2	8.07	2.4
Margate	11.00	4.5	10.55	4.5
Milford Haven	4.50	6.5	5.19	6.5
Newquay	3.45	6.6	4.13	6.5
Oban	4.42	3.7	5.07	3.4
Penzance	3.29	5.2	4.03	5.3
Portland	6.19	1.8	6.05	1.8
Portsmouth	10.03	4.3	10.35	4.6
Shoreham	9.58	6.7	10.24	6.1
Southampton	9.37	4.2	10.04	4.5
Swansea	5.02	8.8	5.30	8.9
Tees	2.30	4.9	2.35	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	10.39	3.9	10.46	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.54	2.41
Austria Sch	23.00	21.90
Belgium Fr	68.05	65.85
Canada $	2.405	2.285
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.95
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.44
France Fr	11.11	10.56
Germany Dm	3.276	3.116
Greece Dr	263	248
Hong Kong $	15.17	14.42
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17
Italy Lira	2430	2320
Japan Yen	244.50	232.50
Netherlands Gld	3.665	3.495
Norway Kr	12.00	11.40
Portugal Esc	266.50	253.50
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	217.50	206.50
Sweden Kr	11.47	10.92
Switzerland Fr	2.728	2.588
USA $	1.95	1.87
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	2679

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March)

London: The *FT* index closed up 11.2 at 1417.6.

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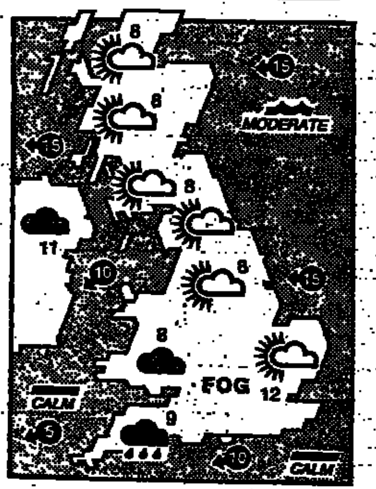

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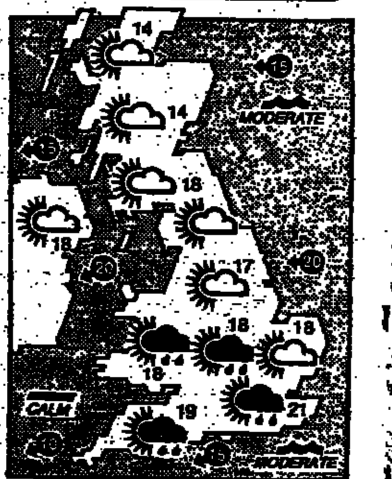

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Binbrook, Leicestershire, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, Gwynedd, 14.3hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.13 pm to 4.40 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.50 am.
Edinburgh 9.46 pm to 4.32 am
Manchester 9.30 pm to 4.40 am
Penzance 9.29 pm to 5.07 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F) Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.10 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1005.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.3 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	f	Guernsey	11	52	c
B'mgham	11	52	c	Inverness	17	63	s
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	15	59	c
Bristol	13	55	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'chster	13	55	r
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	12	54	c	R'nldsway	12	54	r

Sun rises: 5.12 am
Sun sets: 8.43 pm
Moon rises 3.51 am
Moon sets 6.02 pm
New Moon May 15

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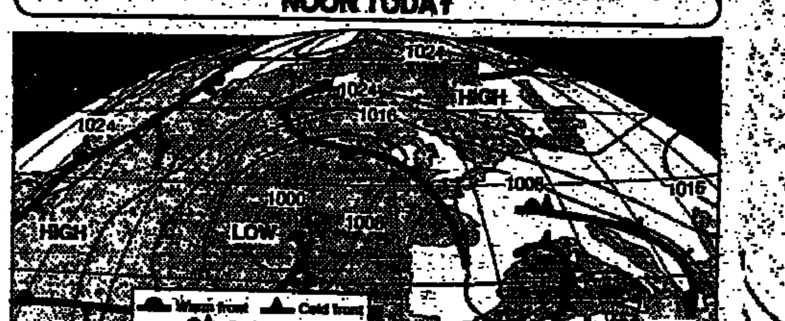

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1417.6 (+11.2)	US dollar 1.8845 (–0.0015)
FT-SE 100 1772.3 (+15.5)	W German mark 3.1631 (+0.0003)
USM (Datastream) 155.07 (+1.2)	Trade-weighted 78.7 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Equities stage a recovery

Financial markets steadied yesterday after Wednesday's sharp falls but conditions remained nervous.

Shares regained some of their Wednesday losses in half-hearted trading. The FT-SE 100 index closed 15.5 points up at 1,772.3.

Vaux stake

Vaux Group, the Sunderland hotel and brewery group, has discovered that a 2 per cent stake has been built up by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur. Vaux made pretax profits of £9.71 million in the 24 weeks to March 19 against £7.31 million on a turnover up from £80.1 million to £87.5 million. The interim dividend is raised from 4.7p to 5.4p a share.

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Profit ahead

Interim pretax profits at defence group United Scientific Holdings rose 30 per cent to £5.35 million on turnover up 3 per cent to £62 million. Earnings per share rose 11 per cent to 6.1p, and the dividend was increased by 0.3p to 2.7p net.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1970.49 (+4.64)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27212.58 (+51.53)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2508.88 (–25.48)
Amsterdam: Gen	Closed
Sydney: AO	1388.6 (–17.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	Closed
Brussels:	
General	Closed
Paris: CAC	Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen	Closed
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	914.70 (+7.57)
FT.– "500"	1003.60 (+8.21)
FT. Gold Mines	196.1 (–1.2)
FT. Fixed Interest	98.18 (+0.53)
FT. Govt Secs	89.87 (+0.04)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Bass	833½p (+13p)
Vaux Group	580½p (+17p)
Rea Bros	92½p (+15p)
Ulster TV	83½p (+8p)
Church	440p (+13½p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	892½p (+10p)
Stead Simpson 'A'	163½p (+11p)
Caradon	322½p (+18p)
Glaxo	937½p (+13p)
Warner Howard	165p (+10p)
Cambridge Elect	237½p (+10p)
Reckitt & Colman	863½p (+15p)
Reuters	467p (+9p)
Tate & Lyle	777½p (+18p)
Grand Met	495p (+11p)
Abbey Life	281½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Rowntree	879½p (–24p)
DAKS Simpson 'A'	515p (–10p)
Volex	340p (–10p)
T Robinson	393½p (–8p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23092

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank $8\frac{3}{4}$-$8\frac{5}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $7\frac{29}{32}$-$7\frac{7}{8}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds $7\frac{1}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.26-6.25%*
30-year bonds $96\frac{15}{16}$-96½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8845	£: $1.8850*
£: DM3.1631	$: DM1.6792*
£: SwFr2.6298	$: SwFr1.3962*
£: FFr10.7322	$: FFr5.6935*
£: Yen234.53	$: Yen124.37*
£: Index:78.7	$: Index:92.6
ECU £n/a	SDR £0.733264

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $448.65 pm-$451.00
close $451.50-452.00 (£239.50-240.00)
New York:
Comex $451.20-451.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $16.40bbl ($16.53)
* Denotes latest trading price

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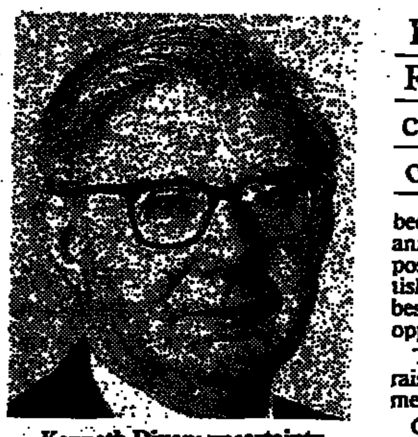
Double-edged sword of single European market

You will have seen Sir John Harvey Jones on television telling British industry it must prepare for the opportunities which will be opened up in 1992 when the European Community becomes one big, single market.

Rowntree, one of the few international companies with headquarters in the North of England, has been preparing for that day for the past 20 years. We have invested heavily to build up our European operations. From nothing, we have built up Lion Bar to become the second best-selling chocolate bar in France; West Germans eat more After Eight than the British. We sell in every European country — our Continental sales amount to £300 million.

But some other European companies, many of which operate outside the Common Market, have had less foresight. They have failed to establish strong brands like Kit Kat, Quality Street and Polo. The only way for them to become competitive in Europe is to acquire what they have failed to develop for themselves.


Kenneth Dixon: uncertainty

Kenneth Dixon, the Rowntree chairman, calls for intervention on foreign takeovers

Successful British companies such as Rowntree have therefore become obvious targets for those anxious to protect a competitive position. We risk surrendering British control of the very companies best placed to take advantage of the opportunities presented by 1992.

This is why Nestlé's bid for us raises such important and fundamental public interest issues.

Contested takeovers in Continental Europe are rare, principally because share structures and local company articles of association prevent them. Britain is wide open — the soft underbelly of the EEC.

Swiss companies such as Nestlé and Suchard are protected with the approbation of the Swiss government and Swiss banks by share structures and company articles of association designed to prevent non-Swiss companies from taking them over. Rowntree could never succeed in a hostile bid for Nestlé even if it wanted to.

British companies will be picked off because we are wide open to hostile takeovers. By contrast, our counterparts in the EEC are much better protected. This is why the Nestlé bid and the Jacobs Suchard shareholding raise public interest issues beyond our own company and why they must be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Rowntree needs a quick decision. The stock market is being driven by the uncertainty of whether the Government will act. Consequently, the Swiss predators are slowly but surely taking control of Rowntree.

Usually there is time for investors to take a considered view of whether to accept a takeover offer. Usually they have the time to study the arguments of the bidder and of the company defending itself. This has not been so in our case because of this uncertainty.

I can understand that the Government does not want to put up barriers at a time when British companies are looking overseas to show the world what they can do. But the Department of Trade and Industry's recent paper on merger policy clearly says there are times when foreign ownership of a British company should be investigated.

It says: "There are instances where foreign ownership of a UK company may raise particular concerns. And in such cases the power to make a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is available for use. One which may be relevant is the extent to which UK companies have the reciprocal freedom to acquire companies in the home country of the acquirer." Surely the Swiss ambition to take over Rowntree must fall within these guidelines?

The Government is urging us all to be ready for the challenge of a Europe without trade barriers. Rowntree is ready for 1992, but is the Department of Trade and Industry? The Rowntree bid provides an opportunity for issues fundamental to the future of British business to be re-examined.

Referral fears hit share price

Rowntree shares fell on growing speculation that Nestlé's £2 billion hostile bid would be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Dealers said Nestlé had stopped buying shares after building up its holding to just under 15 per cent. The shares fell from 904p to 880p, against 900.5p at which Nestlé has been able to buy.

CBI chief hits at government merger policy

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Sir David Nickson, the outgoing CBI president, last night attacked Britain's monopolies and mergers policy.

He said present rules can prevent growth through merger, leading to overseas predators buying up British companies.

The need for British companies to be competitive on a European or global scale was, however, often more important than domestic competition policy, Sir David, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, told the CBI's annual dinner in London.

Sir David is stepping down from the presidency following the election of his successor, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, who also today gives up the chairmanship of GKN, the engineering and industrial services group.

Sir David said in his last speech as CBI president: "We must be in a position to make acquisitions in Europe if our European friends are to have free access to the United Kingdom. We cannot afford to continue playing football against people with a brick wall across their own goalmouths."

He added: "Our objective must be to tear down the walls of protectionism. It would be tragic if the only way critical mass on an international scale can be achieved here in the UK is for the ownership of British business to be transferred overseas. That way lies the branch and screwdriver economy."

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His remarks came as controversy continued about the bid for Rowntree, the confectioner, by the Swiss company Nestlé. In Switzerland companies are virtually bid-proof against foreign predators. One counter to the bid might be a merger of Rowntree with Cadbury Schweppes, also under threat from foreign ownership, but judged on UK market criteria alone such a merger could run into monopoly problems.

On exchange rate policy, Sir David said: "It has been a very considerable achievement on the part of the Government to keep the pound relatively stable against the Deutschemark. What we all need to avoid is exchange-rate volatility."

Two CBI members, one selling aircraft and the other cars, each lose £3 million of their annual profit for every cent the dollar falls against the pound, he said.

He went on: "The Germans and the Japanese have prospered very well with a steadily apprecicating currency. So too can we. But not one that is left solely to market forces and the activities of the speculators. A strong economy should be reflected in a gradually strengthening currency and competitive, comparable interest rates."

He said the CBI's key priority must remain the continued reduction in inflation and international competitiveness.

He also favoured a single European time, calling for a decision now not to put the clocks back this autumn and put them forward an hour next spring.

Bank in call for £250m

Standard plans rights issue

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, yesterday confirmed that it is planning a £250 million to £300 million rights issue this year.

Mr Bill Brown, the chief executive, said there was no point in asking the stock market for more capital until the bank could show its restructuring policies were proving successful. A rights issue of up to £300 million would boost the bank's equity-to-asset ratio to 5 per cent, he said.

Standard Chartered also revealed that it has paid £265,000 to Mr Michael McWilliam, the previous chief executive, who stepped down earlier this year. His pension entitlement is being increased by £7,500 a year.

Mr McWilliam was instrumental in fighting off the bid for Standard by Lloyds Bank in 1986.

Mr McWilliam also presided over last year's massive increase in bad debt provisions and the disposal of several of Standard's major assets. These included the sale of its US operations, approved by shareholders yesterday

Standard has also abandoned its ambitions to acquire a high street retail banking operation in Britain.

Mr Brown said that bad debts were now falling back towards the more normal levels of 1984 after several years of problem lending.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, is expected to step down within two weeks as deputy chairman of Standard.

Cowie confirms DTI study

By Geoffrey Foster

T Cowie, the Sunderland motor and finance company, yesterday confirmed Thursday's report in *The Times* that the Department of Trade and Industry was investigating possible insider dealing in the shares of the company.

It released a statement saying that the DTI was carrying out inquiries "in connection with specific, minor and limited dealings in the share capital of the company".

"The directors believe that no impropriety has occurred and are confident that any investigation would reach that conclusion," the statement added.

Department of Trade officials declined to comment on the investigation. They did reveal, however, that the number of potential investigations into alleged insider dealing has increased from nine to 11.

In addition to these cases there are 14 formal investigations which are already under way. Only four of these have been formally named by the DTI. They are investigations into dealings in the shares of Shield Group, Peachey Property, Unigroup and Grand Central Investments.

A spokesman for T Cowie refused to amplify on the company's statement. Mr Tom Cowie, the chairman and a former chairman of Sunderland Football Club, was not available for comment.

Bank sees scope for rise in base rates

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The Bank of England, in its usual coded way, has signalled its desire to see some reversal of the two half-point cuts in bank base rates since sterling was allowed to rise above DM3. A rise in interest rates in other leading world markets, making sterling less attractive, would make this easier.

In its latest *Quarterly Bulletin*, the Bank says a strong pound partly offset by lower interest rates is not the ideal way to tighten policy against inflation. If it can be achieved, a different balance would be desirable. It emphasizes that exchange rate stability remains desirable in its own right and will continue to be pursued. But this will only be done in so far as it does not jeopardize the counter-inflationary emphasis of policy.

The Bank is evidently not convinced that the rise in sterling so far has put any real pressure on industry. While the economy may have slowed down a little during the first quarter of the year after its rapid expansion in the second half of last year, most of the evidence is against a marked downturn, it believes. Surveys of industrial trends by the Confederation of British Industry show strong order books and a high level of activity, despite the pound's rise.

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Although competitiveness has deteriorated, it seems likely, given recent export surveys, that the trade figures have exaggerated the worsening of the external position. Revisions to invisible earnings, meanwhile, have improved the performance on current account.

The Bank, explaining the decision to uncap sterling in March, says domestic conditions made it inappropriate to reduce interest rates in the face of renewed upward pressure on the exchange rate. Domestic demand exceeded the growth of potential supply while bank lending and the money supply were expanding rapidly, reviving the policy dilemma of the previous year.

Whereas upward pressure last May could be ascribed to the temporary effect of the election, and in the autumn to the weakness of the dollar, there were no obviously temporary factors in March. This made continuing large-scale intervention less attractive.

The Bank forecasts somewhat lower economic growth of 2½ per cent in the year to the first half of 1989. Domestic demand, especially consumption, will grow more slowly, while there will be a further deterioration in the balance of payments. However, investment has been buoyant and should continue to grow rapidly. Inflation is likely to rise from about 3½ per cent at present to 4 per cent by the end of the year.

Guinness recovers more of its £25m

Victor: Sir Norman Macfarlane, of Guinness, yesterday (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness is understood to have recovered money from two offshore companies which received almost £4 million out of the £25 million paid out by the drinks group after the takeover of Distillers.

Sources close to Guinness said yesterday that payments to Cifco, a Swiss-registered company and Rudani, a company based in the Netherlands Antilles, had been at least partly recovered.

The repayments would mean that Guinness has so far managed to trace and recover a total of £18 million out of the £25 million in invoices which the new Guinness management unearthed following the appointment of Department of Trade inspectors to investigate the group.

These included a £1.94 million payment to Cifco — a company which has been linked with Mr Ephraim Margulies, the chairman of S&W Berisford, the sugar, property and financial services group — and a repayment from Rudani, which was paid £1.95 million after the Distillers bid.

This company has been linked with Mr Elliott Bernerd, former head of Morgan Grenfell Laurie, and Mr Jack Dellal, the property magnate.

In both the Cifco and Rudani cases the precise beneficial owners of the companies or the recipients of the near £4 million paid to the companies have not been revealed.

Sources close to Guinness also said that the company has recently carried out a thorough investigation into purchase of 10.6 million Distillers shares by a Swiss company at the end of the Distillers bid.

This will lead to revelations in the forthcoming Court of Appeal hearing which will consider a ruling by the Panel that the purchase breached the Takeover Code.

Saunders challenge to board fails

Guinness yesterday defeated a move to challenge the management's policy of suing Mr Ernest Saunders, its former chairman. Mr Saunders' legal advisers tried to force a full debate on the issue of the company's litigation against him at the company's annual meeting in London yesterday.

However, Sir Norman Macfarlane, Mr Saunders' successor in the Guinness chair, rallied the 400 shareholders attending the meeting, and the move was overwhelmingly defeated.

Guinness is suing Mr Saunders and Mr Thomas Ward, another former director, over a £5.2 million payment which the company made to a Jersey company after the Distillers takeover.

Speaking after the meeting, lawyers for Mr Saunders said that his counterclaim for between £2 million and £3 million related to loss of earnings and ancillary benefits, plus an indemnity for legal costs. Sources close to Guinness suggested later that the company was embarrassed at having to sue Mr Saunders, but the directors had a fiduciary duty to try to recover the £5.2 million.

Bond in hotel venture

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, has joined up with Imry Merchant Developers to redevelop the St George's Hospital site at Hyde Park Corner into a luxury hotel and offices, as part of a substantial expansion of his British property interests.

Bond Corporation will assume liabilities and pay £30 million for half the equity in the site, the jewel in Imry's crown.

At the same time, Bond is cementing links with the group by setting up a joint venture company, Imry Bond, which will manage Bond's £20 million property assets in Britain and look for new developments.

Planning permission was finally given last week to redevelop the St George's site with 220,000 sq ft of offices and a luxury five-star hotel

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hill Samuel replaced as Racal adviser

Racal, the electronics group which is planning to float off its Vodafone cellular radio business as a separate public company, has dropped Hill Samuel as its financial adviser in favour of Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, and NM Rothschild. Goldman will act as global co-ordinator of what Racal expects to be a multi-market offering, with Rothschild lead managing the issue in Britain.

Mr Ken Ward of Racal said: "We decided that the flotation was an opportunity to review our financial advisers. No further decisions have been made on the flotation, although it will definitely be this year."

Shani refused full listing

Shani Group, the textile company which wanted to move to a full listing from the over-the-counter market, has had its application rejected by the Stock Exchange and is now seeking a USM quote. The full listing was refused because a 51 per cent owned company, Rolph Craig Textiles, in which it had invested £20,400 in 1978, went into receivership in 1985.

London chief for Salomon

Mr James Massey has been appointed president and chief executive of Salomon Brothers International, the London arm of the US investment bank. He succeeds Mr Miles Slater, who has resigned after a year as head of the London office. He will leave his post on July 1. Mr Massey was made a director of Salomon Inc this year.

Emap in £8m deal

Emap is buying Associated Kent Newspapers from Parrett and Neves for £8 million. Associated publishes nine weekly titles that fringe the north Kent coast from the Medway towns to Margate and Ramsgate. Mr Graham Parrett, the group's chairman and managing director, said: "Emap looks likely to provide the best prospects for a successful future."

If the deal is approved by the Department of Trade and Industry and if Emap receives a satisfactory accountant's report, Parrett and Neves will take up to half the £8 million in new Emap shares, the balance in cash. Mr Martin Lusby, chief executive of Emap's newspaper division, believes the addition of the Kent group's titles will strengthen Emap's position and broaden its reach.

Ward White extends bid

Ward White, the Payless stores group, had received acceptances for 0.09 per cent of the AG Stanley group equity when the first closing date arrived yesterday, on top of the 3.6 per cent owned before the £100 million bid was launched. Mr Philip Birch, the chairman, has extended the share offer until June 3. Shares in Stanley closed 6p higher at 294p.

Gain at Priest Marians

Priest Marians Holdings, the property company, raised pretax profits by 33 per cent, to £1.69 million, for the six months ending March 31. A big upsurge in property trading boosted turnover to just short of £32 million (£3 million). The company is forecasting a dividend for the year higher than the 1.5p paid in respect of the last financial year.

Simon sells offshoot

Simon Engineering, the access platform maker and process engineer, is selling TR International (Chemicals), its chemical distribution business, for £5.3 million cash to Amalgamated Metal Corporation, which is controlled by Preussag of West Germany.

The TR companies had total sales in the year to end-December of £67 million, with pretax profits of £1.18 million inflated by a one-off stock gain in the US of $1 million (£611,000 at the then rate of exchange). The business employs about 160 people and has interests in the United States, France, Australia and the Irish Republic as well as Britain. It became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Simon in 1969.

Concentric up to £2.6m

Concentric, the controls and pumps manufacturer, made £2.6 million profit in the half year to March 26, against £2.3 million in the previous first half. Additional capacity in the pressing, aluminium and plastic moulding companies leads the group to expect a stronger second half. Sales were £43 million (£31.1 million). The interim dividend is 2.34p (1.95p).

Murray starts buyout fund

Murray Johnstone, the Glasgow investment management group, has raised $101 million (£53.66 million) from US and Japanese institutions for a fund to invest in management buyouts in Britain and Western Europe. The package was put together for the Murray Johnstone LBO Fund, by First Boston Corporation, the investment bank.

TEMPUS

ECC builds on solid foundations

So much for the widely heralded downturn in the paper market, judging by the experience of English China Clays.

Volume sales of the white pigments ECC supplies to paper makers, namely kaolin or china clay and calcium carbonate, rose by 19 per cent in the half year, and now stand at record levels.

But demand may have been even higher as most of the group's plants worldwide were operating close to capacity.

Pricing has also been firm, despite the movement of the dollar against sterling. ECC is aware of the threat of imported US products flooding the European market, but as yet has seen little evidence of this.

The outlook for the industry remains sound, while ECC's position should continue to improve, particularly in America where the integration benefits of the recent Cyprus calcium carbonates acquisition have yet to be felt.

The quarrying division fared well, along with the industry, helped by mild weather. Volume rises of nearly 30 per cent were experienced in the fourth quarter. But whether this strength is sustainable depends on how much of the buoyancy was due to work being brought forward.

In the US, Shiely made its normal losses in the winter period but is picking up. This acquisition will not dilute earnings this year.

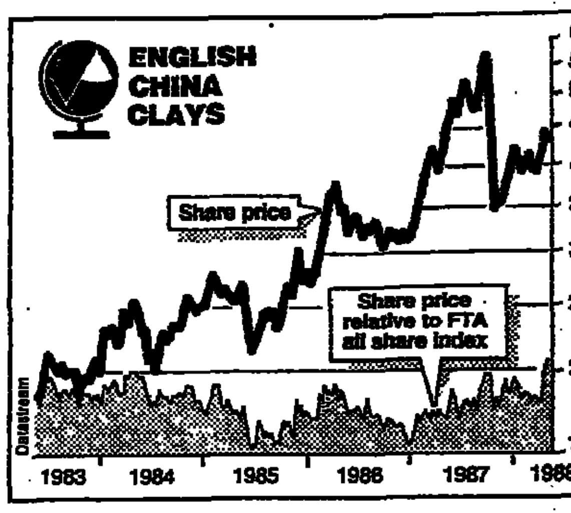
Clement weather also helped the construction division and results included £6.7 million from the 29.3 per cent stake in Bryant Holdings. ECC, having sold 22 per cent more houses in the half year, taking the total up to 565 units, is on target to complete 1,300 homes in a full year.

IDF, the US drilling fluids business, remains a disappointment. But ECC claims it is still attached to it and expects IDF to show a gradual improvement.

Gearing rose from 17.2 per cent to 25.6 per cent, compared with the last half year, but rises to 33 per cent when the £40 million for Cyprus is taken into account. Cash flow, however, is strong.

The company should make at least £142 million in a full year, placing the shares on a p/e of 10.5, below the market average.

The speculation that RTZ or another corporate raider is going to make a dive for ECC is hardly novel but may support the price. For while underlying trading is clearly very strong, worries about the paper cycle and currency movements may continue to fuel the bears.



USH

Government defence budgets are being squeezed all round the world, but United Scientific Holdings' acquisitive zeal is undiminished. It is still keen to acquire control of Varo Inc, the Dallas quoted electro-optics company in which it has bought a 9.9 per cent stake.

If it succeeds in its ambition — and it must be said that Varo's board is resisting its advances — it will double USH's US assets to about 40 per cent of the total.

This is bound to rekindle worries in the marketplace about the currency exposure which, in the first half of this year, resulted in pretax profits being about £1 million lower than they otherwise would have been. USH hedges its big contracts, but it still has plenty of smaller contracts which are unhedged, and there will always be the translation effects on the profits earned by its overseas subsidiaries.

However, perhaps more relevant to the sluggish share-price performance are some of the tactics adopted by some customers: delaying contract decisions, paying less by way of advance payment, and extending contracted delivery schedules. Despite this, USH's order book has stood up very well and is not significantly different from 12 months ago.

The slightly disappointing £5.35 million pretax profit reported at the interim stage has caused analysts to downgrade their full-year forecasts to approximately £15.8 million, a 42 per cent rise on last year.

The prospective multiple of 9.4 looks undemanding, while the 6.1 per cent gross yield is attractive.

Vaux Group

Vaux Group is so keen on its growing hotel division that it is already planning for the next century. The shares, in any case, look more interesting as an hotel group than as a brewery, and within five years profits from its sleep-them-and-feed-them division could well represent 60 per cent of group earnings.

In the 24 weeks ended March 19, group pretax profits rose from £7.31 million to £9.71 million, though because of seasonal influences and a £178,000 interim charge for pre-opening expenses, hotel profits lost the edge they were showing six months ago. There will be a further pre-opening charge against the hotel division.

Higher volumes within breweries saw this division's profits up from £4.25 million to £4.65 million.

Wine and spirit margins were below budget, though improved profitability is expected. Interim profits have also benefited from an income of £431,000, compared with a previous £945,000 charge, following last year's £35 million rights issue.

This interest prop will fall away in the second half as funds are spent on developments, but Vaux should be still easily on course for year-end profits of about £25 million, compared with £21.6 million in the previous year.

The shares, long buoyed by takeover thoughts, stand at a premium to the market with a prospective rating, at 579p, of 15.6. On trading grounds the shares remain attractive — but they should not be chased.

STOCK MARKET

Brokers' downgradings send Jaguar shares into reverse

A significant downgrading of profits by a number of leading brokers sent shares of **Jaguar**, the luxury car manufacturer, reeling yesterday.

They ended the day 13p lower at 247p as almost 8 million shares changed hands. Last year Jaguar saw pretax profits tumble from £120 million to £97 million but the analysts fear that there is worse to come.

James Capel, Warburg Securities and Phillips & Drew have all cut their profits forecasts for 1988/89. James Capel has reduced its estimate for the current year from £98 million to £90 million and for 1989 from £103 million to £85 million. Phillips & Drew has lopped £25 million from its estimate of £105 million in 1988.

Warburg, which was unavailable for comment, is considered to have reduced its estimate from £105 million to £85 million and may be looking for less than £65 million in 1989.

The analysts are still worried about the weak dollar. At least one-third of Jaguar's putput is destined for the US.

But this latest round of cuts centres on the group's soaring capital expenditure programme and doubts that it can increase production and raise margins in the short-term.

Elsewhere, shares in London regained some of their composure following the Chancellor of Exchequer's comments on inflation and interest rates earlier this week.

Brokers decided that Wednesday's fall had been overdone following a better than expected performance overnight in Tokyo with a few cheap buyers deciding to test the water. But confidence is a fragile commodity these days and turnover remained thin.

Once again it was the market-makers who took up the running. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best levels of the day with a rise of 15.5 at 1,772.3. The narrower FT All-share index also finished 11.2 up at 1,417.6.

Government securities scored gains of up to £¼ despite fears about higher interest rates compounded by the latest increase in US prime rates.

Standard Chartered, the troubled international banking group, has confirmed that it will be turning to shareholders for more money in August. The group had already indicated it was planning a rights issue, so the price closed 1p cheaper at 421p.

Pearl Group climbed 9p to 474p after learning that Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurances had lifted its stake to just over 7 per cent. The excitement also spilled over into **Commercial Union** with a 6p rise at 351p.

Revived bid talk saw Plessey touch 159p before closing 5p higher at 156p as nearly 9 million shares changed hands.

This accompanied suggestions that County NatWest Woodmac, the broker, had discovered a 2 per cent stake held by STC.

But Mr Ian Johnston at County dismissed the story and said this latest flurry of activity had been prompted by whispers that a management buyout of the semi-conducter business is being planned.

He told *The Times*: "The management buyout story is the more likely, but it will involve the purchase of Plessey's micro-systems division, which is not part of its semi-conductor business and is therefore of much less significance."

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, advanced 8p to 278p on suggestions that a bid is on the way.

Mr Alan Bond's Bond Corporation recently inherited control of the 5.2 per cent stake held by Dewey Warren in addition to a holding of about 3 per cent which he is also considered to have bought in the market.

There are high hopes that he is thinking of buying the 21 per cent stake held by Willis Faber and so take his total nearer to 29.9 per cent.

Marks and Spencer jumped to 181p before closing 5p better at 179p.

This followed recent figures which saw pretax profits topping the £500 million level for the first time.

Confirmation that Olympia and York, the international property and investment group, has acquired a 33 per cent stake in **Stanhope Properties**, Mr Stuart Lipton's property company, prompted a jump of 14p to 291p in the latter.

Further evidence of overseas interest in British property with the £30 million Alan Bond/Imry deal, sparked off renewed speculative buying elesewhere in the sector.

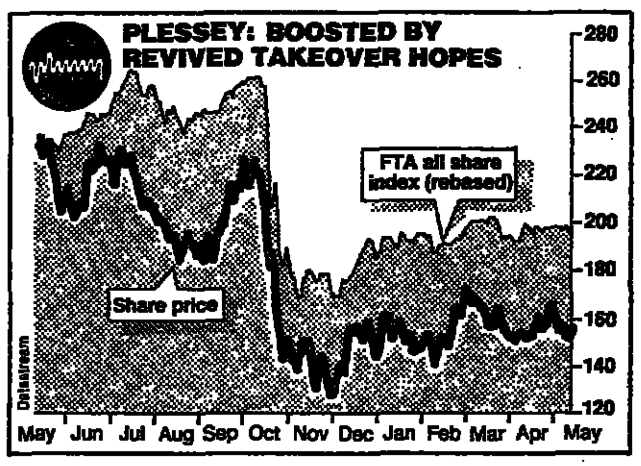
Land Securities was a feature, rising 15p to 560p. Results for 1987 are due next week and Mr David Tunstall, ananalyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, is forecasting pretax profits of £133 million against £120.6 million last year.

Rowntree, currently the target of a £2.1 billion bid from Nestlé, the Swiss chocolate company, moved against the trend, falling 24p to 880p after a turnover of 1.5 million shares.

James Capel, the broker, which acts for Nestlé, and has been able to bid up to 900.5p in the market, a figure which includes Rowntree's 10.5p dividend, caused the decline by withdrawing from the market.

The possibility of a Monopolies Commission referral for the bid also deterred investors.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster



Dealers are hoping for some action soon in MBS, the Windsor computer distributor, 1p firmer at 72p. The group played host to analysts yesterday and is repeating the exercise today. Pretax profits for this year are expected to double to £10 million where the prospective p/e falls to 9½. The shares look cheap against their rivals.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,800	Coats	1,019	Land Sec	3,102	Royal Ins	3,981
Abbey	1,839	CU	3,083	Laporte	535	Saatchi	638
Alld-Lyons	540	Cons Gold	450	L&G	791	Sainsbury	589
Amstrad	607	Cookson	330	Lloyds	466	Scot & N	1,086
ASDA	578	Courtaulds	469	Lonrho	2,617	Sears	1,268
AB Foods	603	Dalgety	115	Lucas	413	Sedgwick	778
Argyll	3,403	Dee	1,428	Magnet	168	Shell	368
BAA	628	Dixons	2,134	M&S	4,372	Smith & N	2,204
BET	2,803	ECC	2,891	Maxwell Cm	2,529	Smith WH	12
BTR	789	Enterprise	572	MEPC	1,231	Smiths Ind	n/a
BAT	2,561	Ferranti	3,563	Metal Box	1,884	STC	1,011
Barclays	795	Fisons	1,589	Midland	546	Stan Chart	409
Bass	1,007	FKI Babck	n/a	NatWest	755	Storehse	1,166
Beecham	1,302	Gen Acc	470	Next	1,018	Sun Allnce	19
Beazer	16	GEC	6,007	Nth Food	1,455	T & N	12
Berisfd SW	n/a	Glaxo	1,818	P&O	1,189	Tarmac	1,447
BICC	777	Globe Inv	188	Pearl	761	Tate & Lyle	202
Blue Arrow	1,837	Glynwed	n/a	Pearson	83	TSB	4,581
Blue Circle	211	Granada	59	Pilkington	1,304	Tesco	1,886
BOC	1,785	Grand Met	3,089	Plessey	8,898	Thorn EMI	115
Boots	1,853	GUS 'A'	463	Prudential	372	Trafalgar	1,498
BPB	464	GRE	146	Racal	2,305	THF	524
Br Aero	1,464	GKN	977	Rk Hovis	347	Ultramar	2,053
Br Airways	1,126	Guinness	1,233	Rank	148	Unigate	695
Br Comm	257	Hamn 'A'	n/a	R&C	285	Unilever	434
Br Gas	5,400	Hanson	4,013	Redland	173	United Bis	1,042
Br Petrol	2,048	Hawker	457	Reed	1,288	Utd News	98
Br Telecm	4,043	Hillsdown	548	Reuters	580	Wellcome	2,263
Britoil	66	IMI	202	RMC Gp	395	Whitbrd	478
Bunzl	687	ICI	22,740	RTZ	439	Williams	647
Burmah	436	Inchcape	225	R-Royce	2,236	Willis Fab	969
Burton	1,055	Jaguar	7,844	Rothmn 'B'	1,129	Wimpey G	444
C&W	1,765	Lasmo	561	Rowntree	1,591	Woolworth	1,386
Cadbury	936	Ladbroke	1,981	Royal Bank	528	Equities page 29	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 3	May 13	July 28	August 8

Call options were taken out on: 12/5/88 Carless Capel, Harmony Leisure, Astra Holdings, BP p/p, Church & Co, Bestwood, Racal, Grand Met, Cadbury, North Kalgurli Mines, C Baynes, LASMO, Harris Queensway, Wembley Stadium, BOMS, NMW Computers.
Put: ICH.
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Year ended 31st December

	1987 £000	1986 £000
Turnover	13,701	10,172
Profit before Taxation	1,218	1,047
Dividends	4.0p	3.5p
Earnings per share	11.9p	10.0p

Salient points from the circulated statement by the Chairman Mr. Geoffrey Crawford.

● Turnover and Pre-tax Profits increased by 35% and 16% respectively.

● Earnings per share increased by 19% and recommended total dividends for the year by 14%.

● In the light of current orders and prospects the Board views the future with confidence.

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will be held on Wednesday 25 May 1988 at 3.30 pm in Industriens Hus (House of the Danish Industry) in Copenhagen.

AGENDA

1. Report on the Company's business in the past year.
2. Presentation of the annual accounts for approval, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
3. Proposal for the allocation of the year's result and the rate of dividend.
4. Proposal from the Board of Directors for alteration of the Company's Articles of Association. The essence of the proposal is as follows:
   That a number of editorial alterations be made, mainly as a consequence of the Company's shares having been transferred for registration with the Danish Securities Centre, share certificates and coupons in Denmark having been annulled accordingly.
5. Proposal from the Board of Directors for authorisation to the Board to acquire on the Company's behalf up to 10 per cent of the Company's own shares.
6. Election to the Board of Directors.

Article 18 of the Company's Articles of Association stipulates that for the adoption of the proposal under item 4 of the Agenda not less than one-fourth of the share capital issued shall be represented at the General Meeting, and the adoption shall be passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast and of the amount of share capital represented at the Meeting as carrying voting rights. In the event that sufficient share capital is not represented but that the resolution is carried with the majority specified above, the resolution may be finally carried at a new general meeting convened for the purpose, with the above prescribed majority regardless of the amount of share capital represented at the meeting as carrying voting rights.

From Tuesday 17th May 1988 the Agenda and the complete proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, the Annual Accounts and Group Accounts with the Auditor's Report, and the Annual Report will be open to the inspection of shareholders at the Company's offices in Copenhagen, and in London and Paris. Copies of the same material will also be sent, not later than eight days before the General Meeting, to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders at the addresses noted in the register.

Admission to the General Meeting requires that card of admission be obtained not later than five days prior to the Meeting from the Company's office in London or Copenhagen on shareholders proving their rights as such, in Denmark by presentation of original statement or share account dated 10th May 1988 from the bank holding the account.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

The Board of Directors

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BP to speed up North Sea exploration and production

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP is planning big investments to develop its North Sea assets which have grown significantly with the acquisition of Britoil.

The company is drawing up a new programme to speed up exploration and production.

It is also considering stepping up its marketing in Europe where it has trimmed its refining interests and now outperforms other oil companies in terms of earnings as a percentage of investments.

BP may set up a new European marketing operation in readiness for the removal of trade barriers within the EEC in 1992 so it can boost profits from its modernized refining and petrochemical plant.

The company is determined that the uncertainty over its share price — created by the Government ordering a Monopolies Commission inquiry into the 22 per cent stake held by the Kuwaiti government — will not slow its investment and disposal programme.

It still hopes to dispose of up to £1 billion of assets this year which do not fit with its core businesses.

The results for the first quarter this year show a drop in historic-cost profits to £263 million, compared with £458 million a year ago. On a replacement-cost basis, profits this year of £408 million compare more favourably with profits of £324 million.

The results have been affected by the drop in the oil price — averaging $17.40 a barrel in the first quarter last year, compared with $15.70 this year — and the rise of sterling against the dollar which shows the sterling price of oil in the first quarter this year was £8.70 compared with £11.60 a barrel last year.

However, the City has generally welcomed the BP results because they show the acquisition of Britoil has already been largely paid for, accounting for £2.2 billion of the £2.8 billion first-quarter spending.

The figures confirm BP's view that Britoil, at £2.4 billion, has been a comparative bargain and that the Britoil defence document, which valued the company's shares at about £2 more than the 507p final price BP paid, was broadly in line with the value BP then put on the Glasgow-based company.

The most dramatic area for turnaround within BP has been its chemicals operations which, despite problems with equipment at Grangemouth and Antwerp, returned a record operating profit of £133 million in the first quarter, £68 million above the previous quarter and £87 million more than in the same period a year ago.

ECC up to £59.9m at half time

By Alexandra Jackson

English China Clays, the international minerals and construction group, enjoyed strong growth in its three core divisions in the six months to end-March, producing pretax profits up from £43.1 million to £59.9 million.

The results were boosted by a £6.7 million contribution from the group's 29.3 per cent holding in Bryant Holdings, the West Midlands housebuilder. A loss of £900,000 was, however, incurred by Shiely, the US quarrying business, acquired in January.

The international division produced operating profits of £37.2 million and experienced strong demand for its products.

The mild winter weather in Britain was a contributory factor in the strong performance from the construction and quarrying divisions.

IDF, the American drilling fluids group, had an unsatisfactory first half. Although volumes were firm, prices and, therefore, margins were weak.

Group sales increased from £341.5 million to £417.5 million. An interim dividend of 5.8p was declared, up 16 per cent. Shareholders have the option to receive shares in lieu of dividends. The gearing ratio is 33 per cent.

Shares rose 7p to 435p yesterday. **Tempus, page 26**

Soaring Caradon conquers Everest with £31.9m deal

By Martin Waller

Caradon, the fast-growing building products company, is buying Everest Double Glazing for £31.9 million from Pillar Aluminininium, the RTZ Corporation subsidiary.

Caradon also unveiled pretax profits for the year to April 3 of £20.7 million, almost doubled from last time's £10.6 million.

The profits performance was helped by a fall in interest charges from £5.5 million to £1.2 million, following the company's stock market flotation last July.

Mr Peter Jansen, the Caradon chief executive, highlighted an operating profits rise of 36 per cent to £21.9 million.

Everest will bring annual turnover of about £120 million to a group which saw its own sales rise £28 million to £170 million last year.

The company is planning a £4 million-a-year advertising campaign for its new acquisition, aimed at moving its image upmarket.

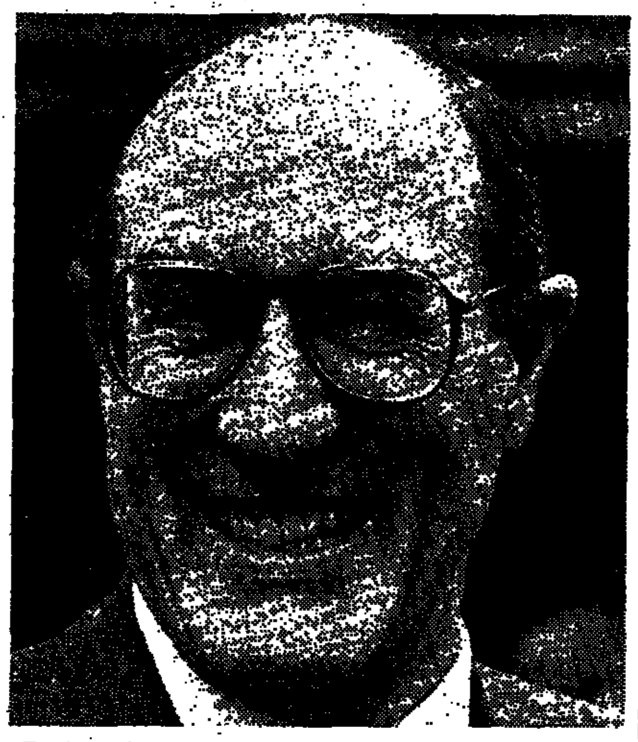
The purchase is being funded by the placing of 6.7 million new Caradon shares at 280p, which will be offered back to existing shareholders on a one-for-eight basis. Shares rose 18p to 323p on the news.

As part of the deal, RTZ is selling Comfort Finance, Everest's consumer finance arm, to Forward Trust, a subsidiary of the Midland Bank. Forward will be given first refusal on all Everest consumer finance business over the next five years, in return for paying commissions.

RTZ, the mining company, will receive total cash of more than £80 million.

Based on *pro forma* pretax profits of £6.6 million in the year to end-December, Everest is being sold on a historic price earnings multiple of 7.4 times.

Caradon shareholders will receive a final dividend of 5.5p, increasing the year total 2p to 8p.



Double delight: Peter Jansen, happy with the Everest deal and profits yesterday (Photograph by Denzil McNeelance)

Greene, King buys stake in skating rinks

Greene, King & Sons, the East Anglian brewer, is paying up to £2 million for a 30 per cent stake in a chain of roller skating rinks.

It is buying into Rollerbury, which runs the National Roller Skating Centre at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and a nightclub in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Another nightclub in Colchester, Essex, will open this year.

The deal will give Greene, King the right to sell its products in Bury St Edmunds and Peterborough, and in three more rinks planned for Peterborough, Nottingham and Milton Keynes.

Greene King is putting in £1 million immediately, with up to another £1 million payable based on profits.

Sheehy reopens EEC attack

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman of BAT Industries, has called on the Government to concentrate on creating a genuine Common Market and not be distracted by EEC budget problems or the need to reform community farm policy.

In his second public attack in a fortnight on the Government's stance on European economic integration, he said: "It is vital to look to the future and the opportunities that are presenting themselves, rather than dwell on the problems and failings of the past."

Addressing the World Agriculture Conference in Munich, he expressed concern that the need to reform the EEC's inefficient farm policy and resolve budget problems, had diverted attention away from the vitally important question.

"The greater opportunity today is not reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, important as it is, but the creation of the internal market."

He noted that recent studies have indicated that liberalizing the farm sector would only increase EEC manufacturing output by about 1 per cent.

Completion of the single European market, planned by the end of 1992, could lift growth by as much as 7 per cent.

Following up his criticism at the Confederation of British Industry's 1992 conference, where he attacked the Government over its rejection of EEC norms for VAT and its failure to play a full role in the European Monetary System, Mr Sheehy turned to the need for open borders after 1992.

The Government has yet to make clear its position on removing frontier controls.

"In physical and psychological terms, freedom of movement is critical to a single market. The ability to cross frontiers with the minimum of delay and interruption is vital," Mr Sheehy said.

Life's a party for Peter

Love has struck Peter Thompson, chief equity strategist at BZW, late in life. And the convivial stockbroker, who celebrates his 60th birthday on Monday, is so full of the joys of spring that he is leaping from one party to another. Yesterday lunch time, to mark his retirement, it was an in-house buffet for ex-partners of de Zoete & Bevan, the broking firm where he has worked for more than 20 years. Last night they moved west to a boat on the Thames for a full-scale shindig for some 250 BZW colleagues, past and present. Then, on June 18, he will be hosting a third jamboree at his home in Purley, Surrey, this time to celebrate his marriage to mother-of-two Jenny Spallone who, until recently, was an editor with a book publishing company. Peter, a widower for the past 15 years, and with three children of his own, plans to take a month's break before returning to BZW as a consultant. "I will be lecturing in Japan, then getting married and taking a honeymoon," he tells me happily. "After that I will be spending about one week a month here — I enjoy the work and I would miss the company too much to stop altogether." The wedding comes after a whirlwind romance — the pair met on a skiing holiday in Switzerland last year. Thompson will be replaced as chief strategist by his assistant Jeffrey Thompson — who will, at long last, be free of the nickname "the Thompson twins."

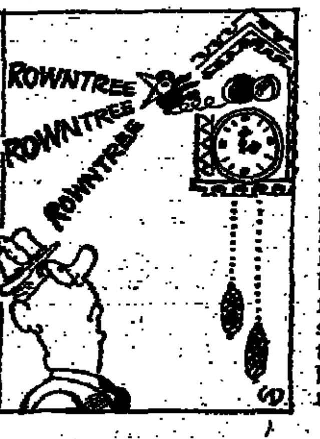
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Lynch party on Wall St

The astrologers of America are not being allowed to monopolize the suddenly fashionable US market for foretelling the future. Psychics are, I am told, also returning to favour. One, named Debra Lynch — no relation to Merrill — commands a sizeable Wall Street following. Regularly featured in the respected *Dick Davis Digest*, a monthly investment newsletter published in Miami, she predicted last year's stock market crash, 12 months ahead of time. And her latest psychic forecast — contrary to some of her astrologer rivals — is that the Dow will rise to 2,400 by December 10 this year. "Make your money between then and now," she advises. "The next big plunge will take place in February 1989." Once again, you have been warned . . .

Empty chair

Imry Bond, the new joint venture company set up by Imry Merchant Developers, the British property developer, and Australian tycoon Alan Bond's organization, overlooked one small detail when it launched itself yesterday. It certainly has enough work on its books — the flagship St George's Hospital site at Hyde Park Corner and a number of Bond properties ripe for redevelopment will keep it busy. But who will be its chairman? Both sides admit that no one has given any thought as to who will chair board meetings. Imry chairman David Davies, told me: "I don't think it occurred to anyone."



Big catch

Nick Measham, the electronics analyst, has, I hear, handed in his notice at BZW to lead the telecommunications research team at Phillips & Drew. But, while most departees are infuriated by having to serve lengthy notice periods during which they are forced to "sit in the garden", Measham, aged 29, could not be more delighted. A keen fisherman, his six months sojourn coincides with the trout season. When I rang his home last night, his wife told me: "He's out fishing."

Retiring, not out

It is not that often that old colonial hands are astute enough to anticipate when the sun is beginning to set, and the days of plantations are numbered, and make early plans to diversify. But one such hand is Thomas Prentice, doughty Scot and chairman of Harrisons & Crosfield, who took the overseas trader into new and very profitable fields. Prentice, aged 68, signs off as chairman on June 22, and leaves the post with Harrisons showing record profits for 1987 and a fine harvest of fruits from diversification. He has spent 41 years with the group — half of that time in the Far East — and one board room colleague said of him: "He was a doughty fighter in the war [winning the Military Cross], and I would hate to cross him in business. He was also good on the football field, mowing down the opposition where he could." But before such colleagues become accustomed to speaking about him in the past tense, I have news. Prentice will continue to be a contender not to cross — he is, I hear, to be elected President at the next annual meeting.

● **Ernest Saunders, former chairman of Guinness, has gone full circle, from notoriety to fame. One of my City spies spotted him pulling into a service station to fill up his silver Volvo with petrol this week, and looked on in amazement as another motorist approached the bronzed, fit and relaxed-looking Saunders, and asked for his autograph.**

Carol Leonard

Storms knock £10m off Royal

By Alison Eadie

Royal Insurance, Britain's largest composite insurer, had £10 million knocked off first-quarter profits because of continuing claims from last October's hurricane. Royal's total claims loss from the hurricane has risen to £115 million.

Mr Alan Horsford, chief executive, said new claims were coming in at the rate of 1,000 a week in March and 500 a week in April. He said Royal intended to inspect as many claims as possible.

Royal's first-quarter pretax profits rose 15 per cent to £55 million against City estimates of £65 million to £70 million. Weather losses cost a total £32 million against £56 million in the previous first quarter.

In contrast, General Accident, the Scottish-based insurance company, made higher-than-expected first-quarter profits of £58.7 million, compared with £17 million last time.

GA said mild winter weather helped. Weather losses fell to £15 million from a net £30 million last time. It, too, is still receiving claims from the October hurricane, but Mr Buchan Marshall, chief general manager, said last year's reserving should be sufficient to cover the new claims.

Royal will be raising its household building insurance rates by 11 per cent from July and GA expects to make a similar increase this year.

Royal's results were also hit by £7 million of fire claims, caused mainly by arson, in New Zealand and the need to add $30 million (£16 million) to reserves in the US against lawsuits over the building of condominiums in California. There was also a £5 million exceptional payment for restructuring and financing the direct-writing operation in the United Kingdom.

Pretax profits from Royal in the US fell to £14 million from £41.2 million, despite a good performance from property business. General liability and workers' compensation was still unsatisfactory, the company said.

GA's underwriting loss in the United Kingdom fell to £2 million from £30.9 million in the previous first quarter. The motor account more than halved its deficit to £2.5 million, despite a marginal increase in claims frequency.

GA's US underwriting losses came down by £3 million to £13.9 million. The home and vehicle business, where GA's portfolio is concentrated, showed some improvement.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Cadbury in the cold as chocolate war hots up

The clamour for the assault on Rowntree to be referred to the Monopolies Commission is reaching a crescendo, and with every notch up the noise scale the institutions become more nervous of missing the boat to Switzerland, and sell.

Nestlé, which has not played a particularly clever game so far in the battle for Rowntree, was smart enough yesterday to withdraw its brokers from buying in the market, making those shareholders still holding shares even more sweaty. They are afraid that a reference will leave their potential profits melting in their hands, rather than their mouths.

The case for a reference is, of course, overwhelming. Kenneth Dixon, the chairman of Rowntree, warns in *The Times* this morning that British companies will be picked off because we are wide open to hostile takeovers. In the end, British industry has become a victim of Black Monday because shares appear undervalued to predators. Their only protection is government action, and while we should not allow ourselves to shrink into a nationalist shell, public issues are at stake, not least the lack of a merger policy which recognizes the threats and opportunities of the creation of the single internal market in Europe after 1992.

So Adrian Cadbury would dearly love to outgun the Milky Bar Kid and take Rowntree himself, but to suggest a takeover at this stage would dent his own share price, and in turn put Cadbury within close reach of the raiders. What he must be hoping for is to generate enough interest in a domestic merger of Rowntree and Cadbury for the plan to be put to the Monopolies Commission, along with Suchard, Nestlé, and General Cinema. It is just a shame, if not a scandal, that he should be left knocking on the door while the ideal of a world class British player in the confectionery business is made ever more difficult to achieve.

Robinson jam

Having been propelled post haste into the bid for John Crowther, the corporate financiers at Schroders find themselves facing a problem that would tax the wisdom of Solomon. If they advise their client Thomas Robinson to go ahead with its opportunistic bid for the textiles group they know that short-term success may cast a damper over Robinson shares for months ahead. If they advise shareholders to reject the neccessary approvals and effectively scupper the deal, this will prove a substantial setback for the extensive corporate ambitions of Robinson and its chief, Mr Graham Rudd.

These improbable alternatives stem from the miscalculation of Robinson's joint adviser, Robert Fleming, which failed to complete the sub-underwriting of an issue to finance the cash alternative of 190p per Crowther share. Fleming must now rue the day that it ever devised the idea of a Robinson bid and offered it as a package to Mr Rudd. Fleming properly sought the approval of the Bank of England to take on board an underwriting exposure above 25 per cent of its capital and was given the go-ahead as a formality. The failure of the sub-underwriting means that if the bid succeeds and all holders opt for the cash alternative, close on half Fleming's capital could be tied up in Robinson shares, taken up under the underwriting agreement. The market would regard Fleming as a short-term holder and would treat the already battered shares accordingly. That scenario could hardly be worse for Robinson shareholders, who should throw the deal out regardless of Schroders' advice.

One way for base rate

The Bank of England wants higher interest rates. Not necessarily today nor next week, but at the first opportunity the foreign exchange markets allow. In its *Quarterly Bulletin*, the Bank makes clear that whatever the virtues of a strong pound, the fact that it has brought about lower interest rates than are justified by the state of the economy, is bad.

In Bankspeak: "The combination of a stronger currency and lower interest rates does not represent an ideal response to current concerns and a different balance would be desirable."

The May *Bulletin*, the first since the uncapping of sterling in March, steers a tortuous course between the Scylla and Charybdis of the Bank's two masters in Downing Street. A firm exchange rate can be a good anti-inflationary discipline, it says, but exchange rate stability is also desirable.

But the clue to the Bank's future actions is found elsewhere in the *Bulletin*. Sterling was allowed to rise above DM3 because "domestic conditions made it inappropriate to reduce interest rates." This, the tone of the Bank's analysis suggests, is very much the present position. The pound may have to rise very considerably for a further cut in base rates.

After all, as the Bank says, it is no longer the case that real interest rates in Britain are higher than in other leading economies.

All of which suggests that sterling still remains more or less a one-way bet. It will not be allowed to fall very much from present levels without bringing about a rise in rates, while any cut — even in response to further sterling strength — would fall very much into the category of "over the Bank of England's dead body."

Royal Insurance

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

- Pre-tax profits were up by 15% to £55.0m.
- General Insurance profit increased from £9.7m to £18.9m.
- A total earnings contribution of £10.1m from Royal Life Holdings.
- Earnings per share up from 6.6p to 7.0p.
- As far as the rest of the year is concerned we believe we can outperform the market in Canada and the USA. Elsewhere the outlook and trading environment is generally satisfactory, especially in the UK.

Royal Insurance

A full statement for the first quarter results of 1988 (of which the above is an extract) will be mailed to all shareholders, and is also available from Corporate Relations, Royal Insurance plc, 1 Cornhill, London EC3V 3QR. Please send me a copy of Royal Insurance's first quarter statement.

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Mowlem plans European city airport network

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A European-wide network of city centre airports similar to that operating from the former Royal Docks in the East End of London is being planned by the Mowlem construction company.

Mowlem, which built the London City Airport, has set up a subsidiary, Mowlem Airport Projects, to search for suitable sites. It has already identified three in Britain and one in France and is researching others in The Netherlands, West Germany and the Channel Islands.

Talks are under way with Sheffield City Council for the creation of an airport five miles from the city centre, which would cater for businessmen wanting to fly direct to the Continent rather than travelling to Manchester or Leeds-Bradford.

It has also put forward proposals to the local authority in Cardiff which wants to develop its old disused docklands in the same way as London, and has identified another suitable site in the North.

The company has appointed Mr Bill Charnock, a former senior executive at Manchester Airport, as managing director and hopes to make formal bids to develop the airports soon.

Mr Charnock said yesterday: "We regard London City as a prototype and want to make sure first that we are running it right before branching out, but we believe that there is great potential for similar developments around Europe."

The company says no firm plans have been put forward so far and many of the cities it approaches may not be able to afford to create a small business-oriented airport. But as congestion grows at the hub airports of Gatwick and Heathrow there is a growing demand for "hassle-free" services aimed specifically at the business flier.

Mowlem spent £32 million building London City Airport, which is used by two British airlines flying to Paris, Brussels and, from next Monday, Amsterdam. Traffic is building up, despite air traffic control problems which led to closure for three weeks in December, and both airlines – Brymon and London City – are confident it has good potential. They are convinced, however, that it can only become really successful if passengers can obtain the same facilities at their destination, with small, specially tailored business terminals.

Mowlem is seeking suitable sites in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Düsseldorf and Paris.

New CBI president gives warning on investment

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, who today steps down from the chairmanship of GKN, the engineering and industrial services group, has been elected president of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) for the next two years.

Sir Trevor, although an accountant by background, has had a long involvement with manufacturing. He spent 25 years at GKN after 10 years with the Bowater Corporation.

He has been a member of the CBI Council since 1974 and is a former chairman of the British Institute of Management and the Engineering Industries Council. He has been vice-president of the Engineering Employers' Federation since 1980.

After his election yesterday, Sir Trevor set out some key priorities, underlining the need for Britain to remain a force in manufacturing and identifying an urgent requirement for investment to be improved.

In an interview, Sir Trevor said: "Manufacturing is as vital for the United Kingdom as it is for any nation wanting to compete and prosper in the modern world.

"Historically, modern nations have won supremacy only through manufacturing excellence. It offers the greatest opportunity for technological advance. It is economically essential for Britain, for this century at least."

Manufacturing a key priority: Sir Trevor Holdsworth

There was clear evidence of a remarkable British recovery industrially, although a high price had been paid with Britain possibly having lost irrevocably some sectors of manufacturing during the process of dramatic economic reform, said Sir Trevor.

But there were some signs that even mass assembly might be coming back as a viable factor in Britain, he said, pointing as an example to Peugeot's vehicle making at Ryton, near Coventry.

But on investment he gave this warning: "Among remaining weaknesses, failure to invest adequately could still drag Britain down. Across all the range of industries, and across all its forms, investment needs to be sharply increased in Britain and urgently."

"We need more physical investment, in plant, machinery and infrastructure. We need more investment in training, education, research and product development. Without this we simply will not survive."

He sees intensifying British industry's awareness of the coming single European market as one of his most pressing tasks. He also wants to encourage the business world's sense of social responsibility as well as its professional competence through management training.

Sir Trevor, a Yorkshireman, wants to see a continuing shift in educational attitudes and values towards appreciation and enthusiasm for business and manufacturing. Design and production should be standard subjects in school curriculums, he believes.

His vision of Britain is of "a sane, industrial enterprise culture in which people grow up attuned to the virtues of manufacturing and versed in the skills of production".

On competition policy, he believes Britain should not frustrate the creation of more internationally competitive "very large" product and marketing-orientated companies comparable to the biggest organizations in the United States and Japan.

WALL STREET

Dow bounces back in early trading

(Reuter) – Wall Street stocks were mainly higher but blue chips were under their best levels of the day.

Analysts regarded the early gain as mostly a technical bounce after the sharp drop in the Dow on Wednesday following *The Wall Street Journal* report of Mr Nigel Lawson's apparent feeling that interest rates should go higher.

But an analyst commented: "The fact that the market is rising is still good. We tend to look for too much in a scarred market."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.13 points at 1,971.98 in early trading.

IBM, the blue chip bellwether company, was up ⅛ to 108⅝.

- In Chicago, Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, said there was an implied need for co-ordinated regulation of financial markets, but urged caution in any reforms.

	May 11	May 10		May 11	May 10		May 11	May 10
AMR Cp	42%	43%	Fedders	8%	8%	Pennzoil	72	72%
ASA	42%	43%	Firestone	n.a	n.a	Pepsico	33%	33%
Aetna Life	39%	40%	Fst Chicago	25%	26%	Pfizer	51%	52%
Allied Signal	31%	32%	Fst Int Bncp	41%	42%	Phelps Dod	37%	37%
Allis Chlm	1	1%	Fst Penn C	10%	10%	Philip Mor	84%	86%
Alcoa	43%	44%	FT Wachva	37%	37%	Phillip Ptrl	16%	17%
Amax Inc	19%	20	Ford Motor	46%	47%	Pillsbury	38%	40%
AMR Hess	29%	30	GAF Cp	49%	49%	Polaroid	31%	31%
Am Brands	44%	44%	GTE Cp	35%	35%	Primerica	24%	24%
Am Cynmd	48%	49%	Gen Cp	18	18%	Proct Gble	72%	74%
Am Ele Pwr	28%	26%	Gn Dynam	54%	55%	Pub SE Gr	22%	22%
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Anheuser B	30	30%	Gillette	36%	36%	Schlumb	36%	37%
Armco Steel	10	10%	Goodrich	55	55%	Scott Paper	37%	38%
Asarco Inc	22%	22%	Goodyear	61%	63%	Seagram	52%	52%
Ashland Oil	69	69%	Gould Inc	14	14%	Sears Roeb	34%	35%
Atl Richfld	84%	86%	Grace Co	25%	25%	Shell Trans	78%	79%
Avon Prod	24%	24%	Grt Atl Pac	34%	35%	Singer	n.a	n.a
Bk Boston	23	23%	Greyhnd	27%	28%	Smith Beck	50%	51%
Bank NY	30%	30%	Grumman	20%	20%	Sony Cp	42%	43%
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Bkrs Tst NY	30%	30%	Heinz	39%	40%	SW Bell	34	34%
Baxter	19%	20%	Hercules	46%	47%	Squibb	56%	57%
Beth Steel	18%	18%	Hewlett Pk	60%	62%	Stevens JP	66%	68%
Boeing	48%	48%	Honeywell	67%	69%	Sun Comp	56%	57%
Boise Casc	42%	44%	IC Ind	31%	32%	TRW Inc	48	48%
Borden	51	51%	ITT Cp	46%	47	Teledyne	333	337
Brstl Meyr	38%	39%	INCO	26%	27%	Tenneco	41%	42%
BP	60%	60%	Ing Rand Wi	38%	39%	Texaco	50%	50%
Brunswick	21%	22	Inland Steel	32%	33%	Tex Eastn	26%	26%
Burl Nth	65%	65%	IBM	108%	110%	Texas Inst	44%	45%
CBS	150%	153	Int Paper	42	43%	Tex Util	25%	25%
Cms Engy	18%	18%	Irving Bk	56%	58%	Textron	24%	24%
CPC Int	47%	49%	Jhsn & Jhsn	72%	73%	Travelers	33%	33%
CSX Cp	26%	27%	K Mart	32%	32%	USG	44%	44%
Camp Soup	25%	26%	Kaisertech	16%	16%	USX Cp	30%	31%
Can Pacific	18%	18%	Kerr McGee	36%	37%	Unilever Plc	33%	33%
Caterpillar	58%	59%	Kimbrly Clrk	53%	54%	Un Carbide	22%	23%
Centrl SW	31	31%	Kraft	52%	53%	Un Pac Cp	61%	62%
Champion	33%	34%	Kroger	32%	32	Unisys Cp	32%	33%
Chase Man	23%	24%	LTV Cp	3%	3%	Utd Brands	54%	54%
Chem Bank	24%	24%	Litton	82%	83%	Us West	50%	52%
Chevron	47%	48%	Lockheed	44%	45	Utd Tech	37%	38%
Chrysler	22%	23%	Lucky Str	61%	61%	Unocal	36	36%
Citicorp	20%	20%	Man H'nver	26	26%	Warn Lamb	62%	63%
Clark Eq	30%	31	Manville	2%	2	Wells Far	51%	53%
Coca Cola	36%	37	Mapco	56%	56%	Westg El	49%	50%
Colgate	41%	42%	Marriott	28%	28	Weyerhsr	37%	37%
Columb Gas	29	29%	Mt Marietta	43%	43%	Whirlpool	26%	27
Cmb'tn Eng	29%	30%	Masco	25%	25%	Woolworth	52%	53%
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Corning Gl	50%	50%	Minsta Mng	57%	58%			
Crane	28%	29%	Mobil	45	46%	Agnico Eag	17%	18
Curtiss W	49%	49%	Monsanto	80%	81	Alcan Alum	33%	34%
Data Genl	21%	22%	Morgan Jp	31%	31%	Algoma Stl	20.75	20.75
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Delta Airl	46%	47%	NCR	58%	60%	Cominco	18%	19%
Detroit Edl	12%	12%	NL Indstrs	7%	7%	Con Bathrst	15%	16
Digital Eq	102%	103%	Nat Med Ent	21	21%	Hawk S Can	23%	24%
Disney	56	56%	Nat Semi	12%	12%	Hud Bay M	19	19%
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Dresser Ind	32%	33%	NW Bancrp	41%	42%	Imperial Oil	58%	59%
Dupont	82%	83%	Occid Pet	27	28%	Inco	32%	34%
Duke Pwr	42%	42%	Ogden Cp	26	26%	Royl Trstco	15%	16%
East Kodak	40%	42%	Olin Cp	46%	48%	Seagram	64%	65%
Eaton Cp	78%	79%	PPG Ind	40%	41	Shelco 'A'	39%	23%
Emerson El	30%	30%	Pac Enterp	44%	44%	Thmsn N 'A'	27%	27%
Emery Air	6	6%	Pac Gas El	14%	14%	Varity Cp	3.80	3.90
Exxon	43%	44%	Pan Am	2%	2%	WCT	17%	17%
Farah Inc	9%	9%	Penney JC	45%	45%	Weston	33%	33%

Shopfloor innovators could save Britain millions

By Our Industrial Editor

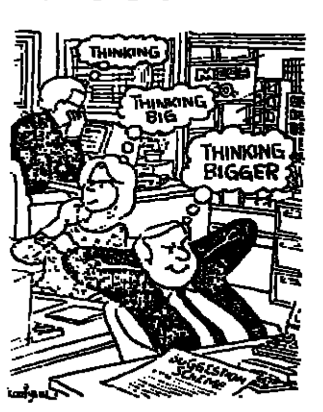
New-style employee suggestion schemes, conceived to avoid the tatty and too-often ignored suggestion box, could bring savings of £325 million if introduced nationwide.

This estimate comes from an interim survey by the year-old United Kingdom Association of Suggestion Schemes (UKASS), set up with the help of the Industrial Society, a pressure group speaking for both sides of industry.

Sixty organizations were surveyed and their savings from suggestions amounted to almost £11 million, with the average saving for every adopted idea being £850. An average "thank-you" award cost £92 or 11 per cent of the saving. Suggestions came in from 7.8 per cent of employees and almost 25 per cent were adopted.

Some ideas are real money-spinners, says Mr James McConville, a general manager at British Airways and the UKASS chairman. Two fuel saving ideas, one modifying landing techniques on Concorde, each saved BA about £500,000, he said.

Rover Group introduced a scheme in 1973 but the scale of growth could be judged from the 1983 rate of 1,826 suggestions (314 of them adopted), rising last year to 8,972 ideas (1,318 adopted), said Mr Andy Barr, director of manufacturing at Austin Rover. Savings in 1973 were about £500,000 but by 1987 the annual savings were nearly £3.5 million.



BA has been an enthusiastic promoter of its scheme, called Brainwaves. Mr McConville said: "These schemes have to be properly marketed with their own promotional budget. They demand top board backing. You also need a brand name."

To press the message home to the rest of industry, the Industrial Society set up a UKASS conference in London where finalists were selected in the innovation competition run by the BBC's *Ideas Unlimited*.

The top award went to Mr Graeme Jones, a British Steel foreman, who had the idea of replacing welded sections of motorway barriers to increase their safety.

The idea is not only safer but cheaper. Savings of £60,000 a year have been calculated.

Winner in the technical category was Mr Bill Larman, a BA avionics engineer, who designed an early-warning system for maintenance on air inlet doors on Concorde which has produced savings of £160,000 a year.

Hoskyns buys three companies

By Martin Waller

Hoskyns Group, the computer services house where the US Martin Marietta Corporation holds almost 75 per cent, has agreed to acquire three computer software companies for a maximum of £13.3 million.

The three are Insight Database Systems, Insight Software (Export) and Vector Software. An initial consideration of £9.3 million is being funded by the issue of 3.45 million new Hoskyns shares, together with £500,000 in cash.

About 1.59 million of the new shares are the subject of a vendor placing, and most of the balance will be held by the vendors, who include senior managers at the three companies.

Up to another £4 million is payable based on profits performance over the next three years, with Hoskyns keeping the option of funding it with another shares issue.

The three companies specialize in application software and associated services for users of IBM mid-range computers and will build on the acquisition of Thomas and Co of Jersey, made in October. They made operating profits of £1.1 million in the year to end-December, on turnover of £6.82 million.

Hoskyns says its own trading has been strong in the first half to the end of April. It has recently won what it claims to be the biggest facilities management contract ever awarded in Europe, a £42 million deal to manage the central computer service of the London Residuary Body.

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Govett Amer	99 +1
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Holders Tech (140p)	148
Johnston (122p)	139 +1
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Merc Manf New	74
Microtec	120
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Astra N/P	½ −¼
Bk of Ireland N/P	59
Barclays N/P	134 +2
Lincoln N/P	10
Pineapple N/P	4 +1
Scanro N/P	15
Scantronic N/P	11 −1
West Trust N/P	40

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons (*402)	390	28	40	48	20	25	30
	420	13	25	35	37	43	48
	460	5	14	22	65	70	73
Bass (*833)	800	56	73	85	18	23	37
	850	26	43	55	42	52	62
	900	12	27	35	80	87	95
Brit Air (*157)	140	21	27	30	6	8	11
	160	8	14	18	14	17	20
	180	3	7	10	30	33	36
Brit Com (*258)	260	18	27	32	17	20	22
	280	10	18	25	27	30	33
	300	4	11	17	45	47	48
Brit Gas (*171)	170	9%	14	–	6	10%	–
	180	5%	8%	14	11	15	18
	200	1%	4%	8	29	31	32
BP (*264)	240	29	35	–	3	7%	–
	260	14%	21	30	8%	16	20
	280	7	11%	20	20	27	31
Britoil (*510)	480	70	77	–	3	6	–
	500	25	45	–	8	15	–
Cons Gold (*993)	900	145	180	205	27	60	68
	950	115	150	175	55	80	100
	1000	88	120	145	80	105	120
Courtauld (*357)	300	72	80	–	5	12	–
	330	48	60	68	10	22	27
	360	29	42	50	25	37	42
	390	15	30	40	45	55	60
Com Union (*352)	300	60	65	72	2	8	11
	330	34	43	52	7	15	20
	360	18	27	35	25	30	35
C & W (*320)	300	38	48	57	11	17	22
	330	20	30	38	27	33	40
	360	10	20	25	45	53	60
GEC (*148)	140	14	16	19	4	8	10
	160	4	6%	11	16	20	22
	180	1%	3%	–	34	35	–
GKN (*313)	280	42	48	54	7	11	16
	300	31	37	42	14	17%	24
	330	16	23	27	28	33	40
Grand Met (*494)	420	85	90	–	3	7	–
	460	50	60	73	9	18	22
	500	23	38	48	25	35	40
	550	7	17	–	63	65	–
ICI (*965)	950	63	84	105	32	52	60
	1000	40	57	82	57	78	85
	1050	22	–	–	90	–	–
	1100	11	27	–	140	150	–
Jaguar (*248)	260	20	27	36	16	23	30
	280	10	18	27	28	35	40
	300	4%	11	19	43	50	55
Land Sec (*560)	500	65	78	90	7	13	23
	550	30	47	55	20	30	42
	600	10	25	35	55	60	67
M & S (*179)	160	22	29	32	3	6	8
	180	8	14	18	11	14	19
	200	2	8	11	26	29	32
R-Royce (*117)	100	21	24	28	2	5	7
	110	13	17	20	6	8	12
	120	7	10%	14	9	11	15
STC (*250)	220	39	44	49	4	8	11
	240	22	31	36	9	16	19
	260	13	19	26	19	26	29
Sainsbury (*221)	220	14	18	23	12	14	16
	240	6	10	14	24	26	28
	260	2	5	8	44	45	46
Shell (*1042)	1000	80	98	125	23	43	55
	1050	47	–	–	47	–	–
	1100	28	45	72	75	98	106
Storehse (*259)	260	22	30	37	19	28	33
	280	14	20	28	37	38	45
	300	8	14	23	53	55	60
Trafalgar (*297)	300	17	30	35	15	23	28
	330	7	15	20	38	43	48
	360	4	7	10	67	68	73
TSB (*98)	100	5%	8	10%	6	7%	9
	110	2%	4%	7	14	15	16
	120	1	2	–	23	23	–
Ultramar (*289)	240	65	62	66	2%	6	8%
	260	39	46	53	6	12	16
	280	28	34	42	12	19	25
Woolworth (*290)	260	35	43	50	6	12	13
	280	20	30	38	12	20	22
	300	10	20	24	23	28	30
	Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*174)	140	34	43	47	2	4	7
	160	19	30	33	5	12	15
	180	6	19	24	14	20	25
Barclays (*385)	360	33	43	52	5	15	20
	385	14	22	30	20	30	35
	420	3	10	17	47	55	60
Beecham (*461)	420	48	58	67	3	13	19
	460	19	33	40	16	30	37
	500	5	18	25	43	58	61
	550	1%	–	–	92	–	–
Boots (*215)	200	22	26	32	3	10	14
	220	8	16	22	12	21	24
	240	4	9	14	29	34	37
BTR (*246)	240	16	26	30	6	13	16
	260	5	13%	20	18	24	26
	280	1%	8	15	37	38	41
Blue Circ (*423)	420	23	40	55	17	23	27
	460	9	27	35	45	53	60
	500	3	15	23	80	83	88
Dixons (*179)	160	22	28	34	2	7	10
	180	10	16	24	10	16	20
	200	3	10	14	25	28	32

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo (*928)	950	28	70	85	43	63	82
	1000	12	45	62	80	92	112
	1050	6	32	–	125	130	–
	1100	2	21	33	175	175	183
Hanson (*130)	120	11%	15%	18%	1%	5	6
	130	4%	10	13%	5%	9	11
	140	1%	6	9	12%	15	17
	160	%	1%	4	32	32%	33
Hawker (*508)	460	50	67	75	12	25	30
	500	23	49	50	30	40	47
	550	8	23	33	69	73	78
Lonrho (*208)	180	25	30	34	2	4	6%
	200	13	19	24	5%	9%	13
	220	5	10	14	16	20	24
	240	2	6	–	31	33	–
Midland (*393)	360	40	47	55	4	13	18
	390	20	28	35	17	27	35
	420	5	15	25	35	45	50
Sears (*120)	120	6	11	14	6	11	15
	130	2%	7	11	16	18	18
	140	1%	4	8	25	26	28
Tesco (*150)	140	14	21	25	3	7	10
	160	4	11	15	14	18	20
	180	1%	6	8	33	35	36
Thorn EMI (*624)	500	130	142	–	2	9	–
	550	82	97	104	4	17	27
	600	40	58	67	11	35	44
	650	17	27	37	44	60	70
THF (*235)	220	18	27	33	3	10	12
	240	6	16	22	13	20	23
	260	1%	8	13	30	33	35
Unilever (*444)	460	11	30	40	25	36	42
	500	2%	15	26	60	63	68
	550	1	6	–	110	110	–
Wellcome (*483)	420	71	90	103	3	15	21
	460	39	65	78	12	27	36
	500	17	44	58	32	48	55
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*272)	245	28	32	42	1	7	9
	255	18	25	36	1	8	14
	265	9	19	29	2%	13	16
Brit Aero (*387)	330	70	80	87	1	6	12
	360	40	55	67	2	13	23
	390	13	37	48	7	23	35
	420	2	22	32	25	36	50
BAT Ind (*407)	390	22	42	53	2	14	23
	420	3	25	37	15	27	37
	460	1	10	22	55	57	62
	500	1	4	12	95	95	97
Brit Tele (*244)	220	24	31	36	1	6	8
	240	6	18	24	3	14	19
	260	1	9	13	17	26	28
Cadbury (*324)	280	45	62	73	1%	12	19
	300	28	50	62	3	18	26
	330	9	33	45	16	33	40
Guinness (*304)	280	26	–	45	2	–	14
	300	6	–	30	3%	–	23
	330	1	–	18	27	–	40
Ladbroke (*386)	300	97	98	–	1	1	–
	330	67	68	73	1	5	8
	360	37	42	50	1	10	16
LASMO (*395)	300	97	105	115	1	3%	7
	330	67	80	90	1	7	14
	360	37	57	72	3	15	23
Pilkington (*203)	200	8	16	25	5	16	22
	220	1%	8	18	20	30	35
	240	1	3	9	40	47	52
	260	1	2	–	60	65	–
Plessey (*157)	140	18	24	30	1%	7%	10
	160	4	12	18	8	16	20
	180	1%	5%	11	25	30	32
P & O (*564)	550	18	45	60	5	25	35
	600	1%	23	37	40	47	60
	650	1	15	22	90	95	104
Prudential (*791)	750	47	80	90	4	22	30
	800	10	55	63	20	45	55
	850	1	35	42	65	75	85
Racal (*307)	240	68	75	82	1	4	5
	260	48	58	67	1	7	9
	280	28	44	56	1%	12	17
RTZ (*372)	300	77	87	–	2	6	–
	330	47	62	72	2	14	19
	360	17	42	50	5	25	32
	380	6	–	–	18	–	–
Vaal Reefs (*79)	80	3	6%	11	3%	7	10
	90	1	4%	8	12	15	18
	100	1	3	4%	22	24	27
Tr 12% 1995 (*112)	110	2%	2%	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1%
	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	%	1%	[illegible]
	114	[illegible]	[illegible]	%	2%	3	3%
	116	[illegible]	%	[illegible]	[illegible]	4%	5%
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*118)	114	4%	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
	116	2%	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
	118	[illegible]	–	–	[illegible]	–	–
	120	%	–	–	2%	–	–
	122	[illegible]	–	–	4	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1768)

	Calls				Puts			
Series	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
1650	122	130	145	155	6%	18	24	32
1700	78	88	105	115	12	28	37	47
1750	35	58	75	88	27	47	57	67
1800	11	32	45	62	58	73	83	92
1850	3	17	28	40	100	110	115	123
1900	1	7	16	23	149	150	155	160
1950	%	3	8	15	195	198	200	200

May 12, 1988 Total: 31838 Calls 18178 Puts 13660 FT-SE: Calls 1944 Puts 3375

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ABN	8.00%
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Consolidated Crds	8.00%
Co-operative Bank	8.00%
C. Hoare & Co	8.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.00%
Lloyds Bank	8.00%
Nat Westminster	8.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.00%
TSB	8.00%
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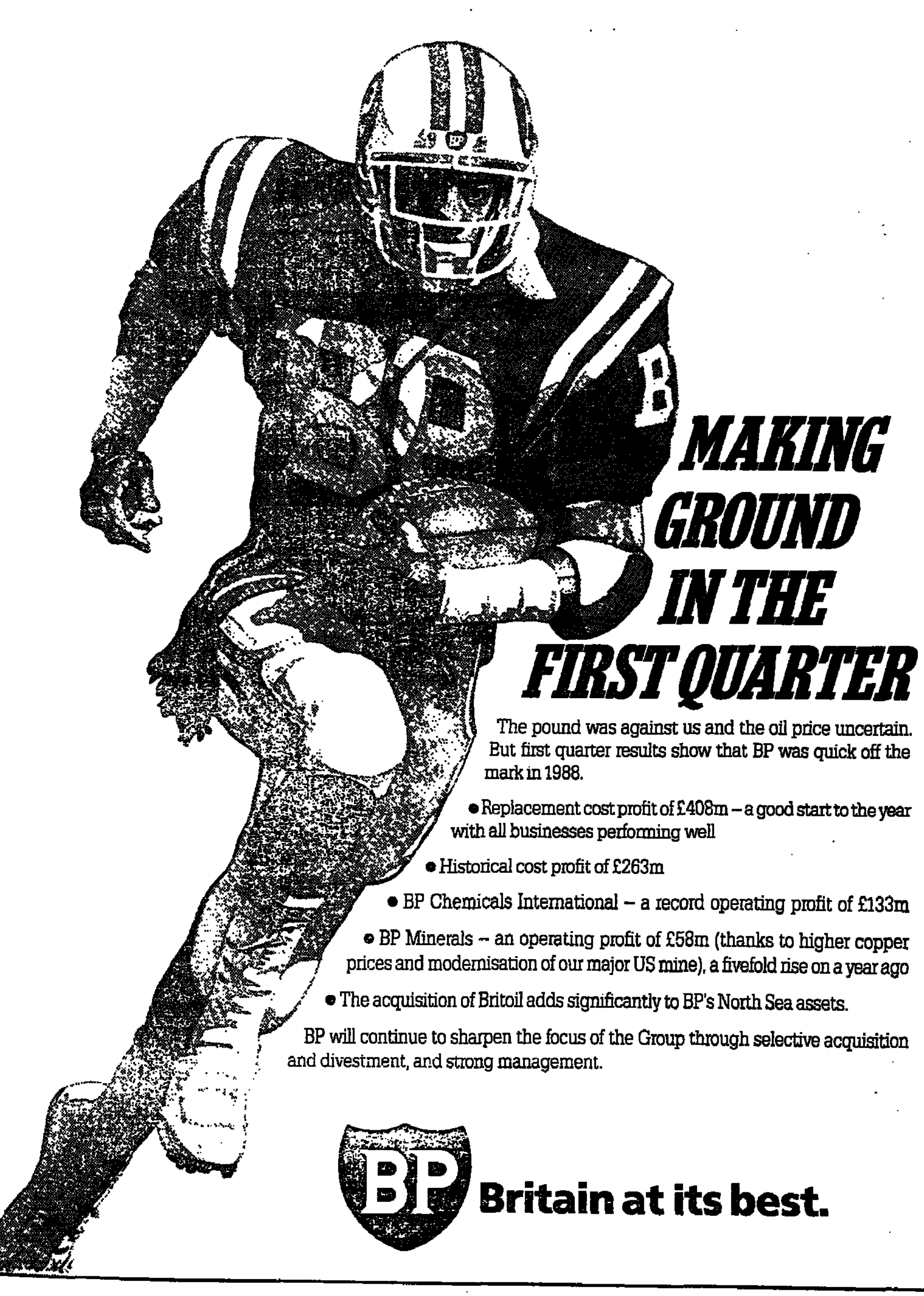
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Crosby James	Building,Roads	
2	Borthwick	Foods	
3	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
4	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
5	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
6	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Bryant	Building,Roads	
8	Bank Of Wales	Banks,Discount	
9	Frogmore	Property	
10	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
11	CASE	Electricals	
12	AIM	Industrials A-D	
13	Nthn Foods (aa)	Foods	
14	NMW Comp	Electricals	
15	Amec	Building,Roads	
16	Ash & Lacey	Industrials A-D	
17	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
18	Beattie (James) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
19	Blue Arrow (aa)	Industrials A-D	
20	GEC (aa)	Electricals	
21	Hampson Ind	Industrials E-K	
22	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
23	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
24	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
25	Nat West (aa)	Banks,Discount	
26	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
27	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
28	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
29	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
30	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
31	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
32	Parkfield	Industrials L-R	
33	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
34	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
35	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
36	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
37	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
38	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
39	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
40	Richardson West	Industrials L-R	
41	Geest	Foods	
42	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
43	Lowe HS & B	Paper,Print,Adv	
44	Robertson	Industrials L-R	
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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
428	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	403	405	+5	18.2	4.0	12.0
887	749½	Bass (aa)	830	837	+13	26.8	3.2	12.5
59	42	Belhaven	43	45	● ..	1.4	3.2	12.9
154	127	Boddingtons	138	142	+1	5.4	3.9	14.3
207	152	Buckleys	146	155	..	4.4	2.9	46.9
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	165	173	+1	8.2	4.9	12.0
155	120	Burtonwood Brew	145	155	+1	4.0	2.7	24.2
385	332	Clark (Matthew)	365	375	..	13.7	3.7	12.4
355	292	Devenish (JA)	340	347	+5	4.1	1.2	30.3
221	175	Greenall Whitley	210	215	..	8.2	3.8	12.1
494	438	Greene King	450	455	+3	9.3	2.1	23.2
323	271	Guinness (aa)	303	305	●+5	12.5	4.1	18.0
703	655	Hardys & Hansons	680	710	+3	29.5	4.2	19.1
118	78	Highland Dist	113	117	●+2	3.5	3.0	18.0
224	187	Invergordon Dist	220	227	●+2	7.9	3.5	13.5
227	165	Irish Dist	222	232	+2			
121	110	Marston Thompson	117	120	..	3.6	3.0	15.0
585	453	Morland	495	513	..	10.6	2.1	18.9
358	275	SA Breweries	290	305				
294	285	Scot & New (aa)	287	290	+7	11.3	3.9	18.1
583	480	Vaux Grp	578	583	+17	19.5	3.4	17.7
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	307	310	+7	12.6	4.1	13.0
330	285	Do 'B'	320	325		12.6	3.8	13.8
322	274	Whitbread Inv	317	325	-1	11.5	3.6	37.3
395	350	Wolverhampton & D	387	395	-1	8.0	2.0	18.6
419	345	Young 'A'	400	420	+5	12.5	3.0	23.9

BUILDING, ROADS

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
480	402	BAT (aa)	406	409	●+5	23.2	5.7	7.7
138	128	Carroll	125	140				
436	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	415	418	+15	11.2	2.7	11.5

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.8	120.8	-0.3	8.28
Hi Inc Equity	113.9	121.1●	-1.2	4.91
Worldwide Bd	181.8	193.4●	-0.2	5.02
American Gth	133.3	141.8	-3.1	1.73
Asian Pacific	60.5	64.6	-0.4	1.10
Assets & Earns	132.1	140.5●	+1.2	1.99
Capital Res	79.1	78.2	..	3.84
Comm Energy	84.1	89.9	-0.4	0.89
Euro Capital	65.4	68.5●	-0.6	1.08
General	159.7	169.8	-1.8	2.65
Japan	95.1	101.7	-1.3	..
UK Gth Inc	123.2	131.0●	-1.2	2.11
Do Acc	181.1	192.6●	-1.7	1.44
US Emerg Co	38.7	41.3	-1.2	0.00
Income Gth	242.4	257.8●	-2.2	3.68
Master Acc	67.4	72.0	-0.8	2.56
American Inc	38.7	41.3	-0.8	6.63
Ethical Tst	40.8	43.4	-0.4	2.88
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	30.2	32.1●	-0.3	3.27
N Amer Inc	23.4	24.9●	..	4.80
World Gth	37.7	40.1●	-0.3	1.19
Extra Inc	37.1	39.4	-0.5	4.93
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	36.7	39.1	-0.1	2.37
Amer Extra Inc	33.3	35.5	-0.1	6.44
Australian	18.8	20.1	-0.2	7.74
Euro Tst	38.7	41.2	-0.7	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	24.0	25.6	+0.1	9.33
Global Income	33.7	35.9●	-0.4	5.40
Hi Income	51.6	54.9●	-0.8	5.56
Income Growth	63.5	67.6	-1.3	4.42
International	79.0	84.1	-1.1	0.82
Japan Gen	160.4	170.7	-1.8	0.01
Special Sits	61.1	65.0●	-1.4	1.34
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	67.9	72.2	-3.2	1.49
International	69.1	73.4	-0.7	2.06
Do Acc	90.3	96.0	-0.8	2.06
Hi Income	55.5	59.0	-0.6	5.67
Fund Invest	98.8	105.0●	-1.2	2.44
Do Acc	149.7	159.1●	-1.7	2.44
UK Growth	20.5	21.8	-0.3	4.54
N American	37.3	39.6	+0.2	1.80
Swiss Balncd	37.5	39.9	+0.1	3.69
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	97.0	103.3	-0.8	1.17
Exempt	380.0	400.7●	-3.6	4.79
Far Eastern	200.7	215.5	-2.5	0.00
Fin & Prop	77.2	81.8	-0.3	2.59
Hi Yield	70.5	74.7●	-0.5	5.09
Income & Gth	293.5	310.9	-4.2	4.51
Int Earnings	172.5	182.7●	-2.1	3.05
Int Growth Inc	83.9	89.3●	-0.6	0.35

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	33.1	35.2s	..	2.83
Income	42.0	44.7s	..	4.30
Far East	28.1	29.9s	..	0.21
Nth American	25.1	26.7s	..	0.76
Global	42.5	45.2	..	0.76
European	36.8	39.2	..	1.36
Japan	87.0	92.6	..	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.0	50.0	..	1.50
Do Acc	47.5	50.0	..	3.50
Int Currency	43.4	45.2●	..	5.90
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: ; 01-588 0880				
Capital	379.7	405.3●	-5.6	3.07
European S S	46.1	49.1	-0.1	2.56
Far East S S	47.6	50.8	-0.1	2.46
Gold Gen S S	46.0	49.0	+0.4	2.57
Income	333.4	355.9●	-3.6	5.29
Int Sp Sits	45.6	48.6	-0.1	2.58
Nth Amer	213.5	227.9●	-0.2	2.10
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	444.35		..	4.75
Fixed Int	146.45		..	9.79
Deposit	100.0		..	8.50
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	417.82	●	..	5.15
Acc	£13 0828		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	7.80
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-600 6622				
Man Reitmnt	21.9	23.2●	..	..
SC Special Sits	61.7	65.3c	..	0.42
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	17.4	18.5●	..	0.24
Atlas Gth	20.8	22.1	-0.2	0.87
Dragon Gth	20.3	21.5●	-0.2	2.07
Equity Hi Inc	56.0	59.3	-0.6	4.89
Do Acc	56.0	59.3	-0.6	4.89
European Gth	22.5	23.9	-0.2	1.71
Gen Equity	46.7	49.5	-0.7	3.00
G/F Intrst Gth	32.9	34.7	-0.1	7.32
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.7	26.1●	-0.1	8.82
Int Income Tst	21.8	23.1●	-0.1	5.61
Japan Gth	46.3	49.0	-0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.0	29.7	-0.4	2.37
Special Sits	34.4	36.5	-0.3	1.95
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	51.5	54.8	-1.0	3.20

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Higher Inc Acc	314.5	334.5●	-4.0	4.58
Do Inc	237.8	252.9●	-3.0	4.58
Gilts & Fxd Acc	112.5	118.4	-0.3	8.50
Do Inc	84.2	88.6	-0.2	8.50
N Amer Acc	110.3	117.3●	-0.7	0.02
Far East Acc	204.8	217.8●	-1.7	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	120.1	127.7	-1.6	1.06
Gen Tst	245.8	261.4	-2.6	3.75
Brit Excell	38.7	41.1●	-0.4	3.04
Br Fdmntls Inc	48.5	51.5	-0.3	6.04
Do Acc	48.5	51.5	-0.3	6.04
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	53.1	56.5	-0.3	0.82
UK Inc Fd	89.7	95.5	-1.9	4.60
Far East Fd	87.3	92.9	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	53.7	57.2	-0.5	5.12
Fxd Interest	58.3	62.1	..	9.16
Natural Res Fd	52.4	55.8	+0.1	2.15
European Inc	56.6	60.3	-0.5	2.52
Financials Fd	42.5	45.3	-0.3	2.74
Int Tech Fd	100.0	106.4	-1.6	0.86
US Gth	67.1	71.4	-1.3	2.29
US Major	42.9	45.7●	..	0.80
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	65.0	69.2●	-0.4	..
Do Inc	63.2	67.2●	-0.4	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	28.9	30.7●	-0.3	..
Do Inc	27.3	29.0●	-0.3	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.5	59.1	-0.3	..
Do Inc	49.4	52.6	-0.3	5.50
Serv Co Acc	66.5	70.8●	-0.3	..
Do Inc	64.9	69.1	-0.4	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	19.98	21.10	-0.56	..
Do Inc	19.8	21.0	-0.5	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	15.1	16.1	..	2.00
Do Inc	15.0	16.0	..	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414181				
American	89.0	95.2	+0.3	0.86
Amer Eqty Inc	24.0	25.7●	..	6.38
Amer Spec Sit	44.7	47.9●	+0.3	0.00
Australia	21.2	22.8	+0.1	2.54
European	49.5	52.7	-0.3	..
European Inc	19.7	21.0	+0.1	4.60
Global Conv	22.5	24.0	..	5.55
Far East Inc	37.9	40.4c	..	3.64
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.7	30.0●	+0.1	9.57
Growth & Inc	109.9	117.9	..	5.21
Japan Spec Sit	71.3	76.3	+0.1	..
Japan	164.9	176.4	..	..
Managed Intl	119.1	126.8	-0.1	0.33
Inc Plus	101.5	108.3	-0.1	4.73
Famous Name	39.4	42.3	-0.1	2.58
SE Asia	34.4	36.8	-0.1	0.80
Spec Sit	241.9	259.5	-0.8	0.80
Eastern Opps	22.6	24.1	+0.1	..
Intl Bond	23.0	24.5●	..	6.08
Recovery	27.1	29.1	..	2.48

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Fd	107.1	114.0●	..	4.35
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fd	77.1	78.1●	-0.1	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	¢52.8	52.9		
Challenger	53.6	54.3	+0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	65.5	69.7●	-0.4	6.81
Income	75.6	80.4	-1.8	4.10
Gth	78.7	83.8	+0.1	2.06
Prop Share	44.7	47.6	-0.5	1.56
Smaller Cos	59.4	63.1●	+0.4	1.91

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

262	200	Takare	248	258	..	1.4	0.6	..
58	40	Thame Hldgs	44	49	●+1	1.5	3.2	11.2
135	120	UPL	115	125	..	3.8	3.2	16.1
142	120	Uni Group	138	146	..	6.9	4.9	7.9

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 78.7 (day's range 78.5-78.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 12

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8780-1.8850	1.8840-1.8850	0.11-0.08pr	0.38-0.33pr
Montrl	2.3109-2.3214	2.3183-2.3214	0.12-0.26ds	0.41-0.59ds
Amstrdm	3.5419-3.5504	3.5457-3.5595	1⅛-1pr	3⅛-3⅝pr
Brussels	65.95-66.34	66.07-66.24	16-6pr	44-30pr
Copnhgn	12.1327-12.1783	12.1518-12.1677	⅝-2⅛ds	3⅞-5½ds
Dublin	1.1827-1.1869	1.1848-1.1858	15-8pr	49-34pr
Frankft	3.1594-3.1659	3.1617-3.1653	1⅝-1¼pr	3⅞-3⅝pr
Lisbon	257.38-259.28	258.20-259.01	70-100ds	182-280ds
Madrid	210.45-210.93	210.63-210.93	18-32ds	77-93ds
Milan	2350.63-2356.10	2352.65-2355.78	4-6¾ds	10⅝-15⅝ds
Oslo	11.5371-11.5852	11.5698-11.5852	4⅞-5⅞ds	14-15½ds
Paris	10.7141-10.7389	10.7237-10.7351	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Stckhlm	11.0312-11.0650	11.0497-11.0650	2⅞-3⅞ds	5⅞-7⅛ds
Tokyo	233.65-234.59	234.28-234.59	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	22.15-22.29	22.25-22.28	8⅝-7¼pr	25-22⅜pr
Zurich	2.6276-2.6349	2.6291-2.6324	1⅝-1⅜pr	3⅞-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	14.6341-14.7322
Australia dollar	2.4419-2.4449
Bahrain dinar	0.7085-0.7105
Brazil cruzado*	275.87-277.33
Cyprus pound	0.8370-0.8470
Finland marka	5.4539-5.6203
Greece drachma	252.75-254.75
Hong Kong dollar	14.7020-14.7118
India rupee	24.82-25.02
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5125-0.5165
Malaysia dollar	4.8514-4.8560
Mexico peso	4240-4340
New Zealand dollar	2.7268-2.7323
Saudi Arabia riyal	7.03-7.07
Singapore dollar	3.7714-3.7754
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4539-5.6203
S Africa rand (com)	4.1298-4.1510
U A E dirham	6.88-6.92

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5875-1.5890	Denmark	6.4550-6.4650	Italy	1250.3-1251.3
Singapore	2.0045-2.0055	W Germany	1.6805-1.6815	Belgium (Com)	35.12-35.17
Malaysia	2.5785-2.5795	Switzerland	1.3987-1.3997	Hong Kong	7.8140-7.8150
Australia	1.2973-1.2982	Netherlands	1.8870-1.8880	Portugal	137.60-138.00
Canada	1.2300-1.2310	France	5.6990-5.7020	Spain	111.80-111.90
Sweden	5.8700-5.8800	Japan	124.40-124.50	Austria	11.81-11.83
Norway	6.1450-6.1500				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 7 Low 4 Week fixed: 7
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7⅜ 3 mth – 7⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 7⅜ 3 mth – 7⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7⅞-8⅜
2 mth: 7⅞-7²⁷₃₂ 3 mth: 7²⁹₃₂-7⅞ 6 mth 8⅛-8⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8⅜
2 mth: 8⅜ 3 mth: 8⅜ 6 mth 9
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7⅜ close 5½
1 week: 7½-7⅜ 1 mth: 7¹⁵₁₆-¹³₁₆ 3 mth: 8⅜-8⁵₁₆
6 mth: 8¹³₁₆-8⅝ 9 mth: 9⅛-9¹₁₆ 12 mth: 9⅜-9³₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7⅜ 7 day: 7⅜ 1 mth: 7⅞
3 mth: 8⅜ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 8⁹₁₆
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅜-8⅜ 2 mth: 8⅜-8⅜ 3 mth: 8⁷₁₆-8³₁₆
6 mth: 8⅞-8⅝ 9 mth: 9-8⅞ 12 mth: 9³₁₆-8⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 7²⁷₃₂-7²³₃₂
3 mth: 8⅛-8⅛ 6 mth: 8²¹₃₂-8⅝ 12 mth 8²¹₃₂-8⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.15-7.10
3 mth: 7.40-7.35 6 mth: 7.70-7.65 12 mth 7.70-7.65

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 29, 1988. Agreed rates May 25, 1988 to June 25, 1988. Scheme I: 9.72 per cent. Schemes II & III: 9.68 per cent. Reference rate April 1, 1988 to April 29, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 8.402 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7¹₁₆-6¹⁵₁₆	7⅜-7¼	7⅝-7⅝	7⅞-7¾
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Deutschemark:	3³₁₆-3³₁₆	3¹¹₁₆-3⁹₁₆	3⅝-3⅝	3³₁₆-3¹₁₆
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				
French Franc:	7⁵₁₆-7³₁₆	7⅝-7⅞	8⅛-8	8⅜-8⅜
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-1⅞	2⅜-2⅛	2⁵₁₆-2¹₁₆	2⅜-2⅝
Call: 2-1				
Yen:	3⅝-3½	8¹³₁₆-3⅝	9⅞-3¹⁵₁₆	3⅝-3³₁₆
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $448.75-449.25 Close: $451.50-452.00
High: $452.50-453.00 Low: $448.00-448.50

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $466.00-470.00 (£246.75-249.75)
Krugerrand: $450.00-453.00 (£238.75-240.75)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $465.00-470.00 (£246.75-249.75)
American Eagles: $465.00-470.00 (£246.75-249.75)
New Sovereigns: $106.25-107.25 (£56.25-57.00)
Old Sovereigns: $106.25-107.75 (£56.25-57.25)
Platinum: $539.50 (£286.60)
Palladium: $122.50 (£65.05)
Silver: $6.57-6.59 (£3.485-3.500)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 31283		
Jun 88	91.27	91.38	91.26	91.38	4826
Sep 88	90.72	90.79	90.70	90.79	710
Dec 88	90.44	90.50	90.43	90.51	204
Mar 89	90.26	90.32	90.26	90.33	156
Jun 89	90.11	90.12	90.11	90.18	137
Sep 89	90.01	90.01	90.01	90.07	44
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 38015		
Jun 88	92.35	92.40	92.32	92.36	2765
Sep 88	91.89	91.93	91.84	91.91	1881
Dec 88	91.58	91.61	91.56	91.60	490
Mar 89	91.40	91.42	91.38	91.40	93
Jun 89	91.22	91.22	91.22	91.22	5
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.07	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8458		
Jun 88	87-09	87-18	86-31	87-05	8312
Sep 88	NT	—	—	86-07	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 31133		
Jun 88	119-28	120-09	119-28	120-04	13057
Sep 88	96-00	96-07	95-30	96-04	447
Dec 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 12296		
Jun 88	176.80	176.70	175.50	175.80	1629
Sep 88	177.00	177.00	177.00	177.10	5
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 613		
Jun 88	106.40	106.60	106.35	106.45	498
Sep 88	105.39	105.65	105.35	105.49	163

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude prices eased slightly during a dull day with only marginal trade, much of which was devoted to spread play in the outer months. Market tone: mildly bearish. Products suffered as most of Europe stayed away, activity very limited at slightly easier levels.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.40	-5
15 day May	16.40	-5
15 day Jun	16.50	-5
WTI Jun	17.45	-10
WTI Jul	17.60	-10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		194-195	
Gasoil EEC	+2	145-146	
Non 1H May	-1	143-144	-2
Non 2H Jun	-1	141-142	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil		77-78	-1
Naphtha		166-167	

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jul 88 Hi 1480-1445 Low Close 1472.0
Oct 88 Hi 1540-1512 Low Close 1525.0
Jan 89 Hi 1530-1510 Low Close 1525.0
Apr 88 Hi 1555-1530 Low Close 1545.0
Vol 887 lots Open interest 2464
Dry cargo index 1428.5 +31.0 on 11/5/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Jun	141.25-41.00
Jul	140.25-40.00
Aug	141.75-41.50
Sep	142.75-42.50
Oct	145.00-44.00
Nov	147.00-43.75
Dec	148.00-44.00
Jan	148.50-46.00
Feb	148.00-47.00
Vol	2112

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
May unq
Jun
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	85.50	88.00
Feb	98.50	96.80
Apr	126.00	125.90
May	135.30	134.50
		Vol 21

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
May 885-882 Mar 956-955
Jul 901-900 May 975-974
Sep 916-915 Jul 992-990
Dec 933-932 Vol 3178

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1093-1090 Jan 1095-1092
Jul 1095-1094 Mar 1100-1095
Sep 1092-1090 May 1105-1095
Nov 1092-1090 Vol 7523

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 5210
Aug 208.8-09.0 Mar 207.6-07.8
Oct 208.8-09.0 May 206.6-07.4
Dec 208.0-09.2 Aug 207.0-10.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 114
My 105.85 Jl 107.95 Sp 101.90
Nv 103.80 Ja 106.45 Mr 106.80
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 50
My 104.45 Sp 98.60 Nv 100.75
Ja 103.25 Mr 104.90 My 107.10

SOYABEAN
Jun 132.3-31.5 Feb 137.5-36.0
Aug 131.0-30.0 Apr 137.2-36.1
Oct 132.2-31.5 Jun 135.4-34.4
Dec 135.5-34.5 Vol 551

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Grde A	1355.0-1358.0	1142.0-1143.0	314325	Brly/Stdy
Copper Stand	1260.0-1280.0	1105.0-1115.0	n/a	Quiet
Lead	342.00-343.00	330.00-330.50	20100	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	599.00-600.00	595.00-596.00	57925	Steady
Silver Large†	649.00-652.00	660.00-663.00	43	Quiet
Silver Small†	649.00-652.00	660.00-663.00	n/a	Quiet
Aluminium	1570.0-1572.0	1276.0-1278.0	347375	Steadier
Aluminium HP*	2980.0-3000.0	2420.0-2440.0	4375	Quiet
Nickel*	16500-16550	13750-13800	9048	Steadier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Mth	Open	Close
Live Pig Contract		
Jun	88.50	89.50
Aug	88.50	88.50
Oct	92.00	92.00
Nov	93.30	93.00
Live Cattle Contract		
Jun	109.00	109.00
Jul	unq	—
Aug	unq	—

Vol Pig-13 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 12

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	70.18	208.61	112.83
GB (+/–)	-3.29	*-10.44	+0.87
Eng/Wal (%)	-2.1	+14.4	-8.2
Eng/Wal (p)	70.20	218.97	112.75
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-3.40	-9.53	+0.41
Scotland (%)	+14.0	+79.3	-12.9
Scotland (p)	69.32	195.70	113.10
Scotland (+/–)	-0.26	-10.57	+1.50

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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A new life in the treasure house

Almost half the world's great art works are found in Italy, yet the task to preserve and promote them clashes continually with the demands of a modernizing society. **Roger Boyes** examines the implications for tourism

Roberto Koch

The fatal gift of beauty: one of this century's most intriguing finds, the Riace bronzes in Reggio Calabria. Visitors continue to flock both to St Peter's, Rome, centre, and to the Uffizi gallery in Florence to absorb works like the Michelangelo, right

"Italia, oh Italia thou who hast the fatal gift of beauty..." that was Byron of course. His words, now almost a cliché are etched on an unremarkable statue in the Villa Borghese park, just a little bit down from the rent-a-pony stand and amusement arcade with space rockets that rattle.

Of all the Romantics, the Italians love Byron the best; mad, bad, dangerous to know but indisputably a fan, and fans are forgiven much. Even the odd spot of criticism. There are not many romantic exiles in Rome nowadays.

Stroll down Via Sistina, that pleasant shady street which housed Hans Christian Andersen, Nikolai Gogol, Rossini, search for the spirit of a street of such strange creative neighbours, and one is likely to be run down by a disciplined crocodile of Japanese youth, scrubbed crusaders of the strong Yen. Italy, as raw and as sunny as ever, has become an expensive place for poets.

Somehow Italy's tourist planners have to preserve that Byronic gem, that fatal gift of beauty, and yet make concessions to the modern world.

The sprightly director of the Italian national tourist board Enit, Signor Gabriele Moretti, recognizes that a balance has to be struck. "Of course the English produced the first real tourists to Italy in the form of the Grand Tour. Times have changed but we would still like to link the old with the new, make the clear connection between what was attractive then and what is attractive now."

UNESCO, he says, estimates that Italy shelters some 35 to 40 per cent of the world's greatest art treasures. And according to the pieces of paper filled out by foreign tourists, 30 per cent of them come to Italy solely for cultural reasons: to visit monuments, inspect pictures, attend the opera and the festivals. A large proportion of the rest put culture high up, alongside the sunshine and the trattorias. The historical mission — to preserve and promote Italy's art heritage — dovetails with commercial commonsense.

The re-invention of Italy as an art treasure house is remarkable to behold. Can there be any other country that debates with such passion, and with such popular following, the removal of a black glue from a painting, or the right way to protect the house corner from the rumble of traffic?

Just as war is too serious a business for generals alone, so no debate is left solely to the art historian. It is a healthy, but also a political process. Priorities jostle with each other. The demands of a modernizing society (multiple car ownership) and the demands of tourists (well preserved, unpolluted monuments) vie with each other.

Moreover tourists have to be highly regulated if Italy is to preserve the objects of their attention; those fragile Venetian bridges, those fractured paving stones in Florence's Piazza Santa Croce.

There are so many levels of discussion it is difficult to bring them under one roof. There is the argument in Florence for example between the archaeologists who want to dig up the square to unearth and display a fine Roman bath, those who argue that the excavation spoils the view from the Uffizi Gallery, and those bureaucrats who want to spend the money for necessary repaving before the budget year runs out.

In Pompeii, the city fathers of modern Pompeii want to run a four-lane highway through the middle of the necropolis in the ancient city. They say modern Pompeii is impossibly congested and needs a bypass. The international archaeological community says it would be a tragedy; the Italian Ministry of Culture agrees.

In Venice tourists this summer will again be issued with a kind of day-visa to restrict the numbers entering the lagoon city. In Florence, since February, all traffic — including tourist coaches — has been strictly banned from the centre. Local artisans complain that the move, supposed to protect the splendid cathedral and churches, is killing the heart of the place.

Again and again, the modern and ancient worlds are colliding in Italy; it is to Italy's credit that the ancients have such an active lobby.

Much money has been ploughed into preservation but there is a need for a budgetary overhaul. A fascinating conference last month run by Icomos — the International Council of Monuments and Sites — highlighted some of the absurdities.

In 1986 about lire 13 billion (£5.5 million) was earmarked by the state for the preservation of historic sites yet almost lire 1 billion went unspent — and was effectively unretrievable — because of bureaucratic inefficiency.

There are long delays between the allocation of money, and its arrival. It is set aside on an "emergency" basis — the Colosseum is crumbling? — give it another 100 million — and not in regular chunks. The result is rushed work, imperfectly supervised, and little money for day to day administration and maintenance.

The Icomos conference, attended by the finest of the country's conservationists, believes that the first step is to centralize control under the Ministry of Culture. That sounds sensible, but it is controversial in a country that has so many competing provincial barons.

As these pages show, there is much to protect — from the bronzes of Calabria to the tombs of the Etruscans, from Roman amphitheatres to Renaissance *palazzi*. Restoration work is very active, and is being carried out by both state and private initiative.

The tradition of private sponsorship — the old princely patronage of the Medicis — has been revived and Italy has become a master of the big blockbuster exhibition. This year, at the beautifully restored Palazzo Grassi in Venice, it is the Phoenicians who are on display; next year there will be a huge exhibition of Italian contemporary art.

Such exhibitions, opened with much blasting of trumpets, attract foreign tourists, much as the exhibition of the Thyssen masterpieces in the Royal Academy is drawing the crowds in London. But that is not really the issue.

Italy's devotion to art is more than a matter of generating tourist revenues. It contributes to and creates a national identity, defining the roots and projecting the future of the country through its cultural wealth. That sounds pompous, but it is of the essence: Italy, moving quickly, needs its points of reference more than ever before.

WHAT TO SEE

- The Phoenicians: Palazzo Grassi, Venice, until November. Sponsored by Fiat
- The Mason Perkins Collection: Cathedral annexe, Assisi. All year.
- Exhibition of Marian art: Palazzo Venezia, Rome. Starts 20 June
- Festival of the Three Worlds: Spoleto, 23 June-10 July. Sponsored by Alitalia
- Architecture of Michelangelo: Casa Buonarroti, Florence. 28 June-31 Aug. Sponsored by Olivetti
- Umbria Jazz Festival: Perugia, 8-17 July. Sponsored by Alitalia
- Glass of the Caesars: Musei Capitolini, Rome, 3 Nov-31 Jan. Sponsored by Olivetti.
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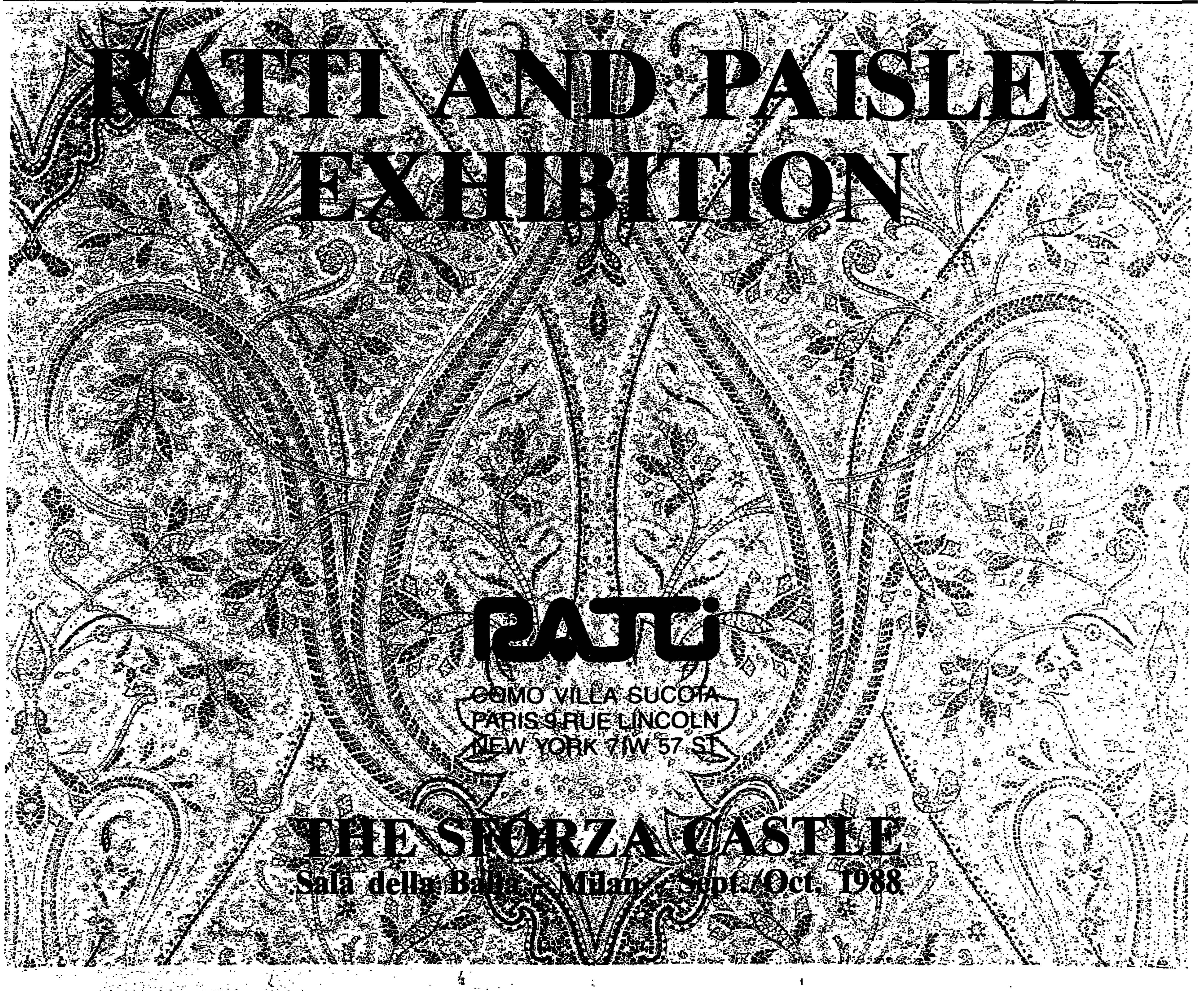

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The sensation that is Venice

For Muriel Spark, Venice is a city that reverberates with the sounds of the heart

Most people who write about Venice do not tell you what they think of it but how they feel. Venice is a city not to inspire thought but sensations. I think it is something to do with the compound of air, water, architecture and the acoustics. Like the effect of these elements on the ear, there are acoustics of the heart. One can think in Venice, but not about Venice. One absorbs the marvellous place, often while thinking about something else.

I have never been to Venice in summertime, nor in festival time, nor at the time of any of the cinema and great art shows. My Venice belongs to late autumn and winter, the Venice of meagre tourism, the Venetians' everyday city.

I have never known Venice to be crowded or hurried. Perhaps for this reason, when I published a novel set in autumnal Venice, someone was puzzled by the facility with which some of my characters encountered each other in the street. It transpired he had only been in Venice during the crowded and stifling tourist seasons, when you couldn't, very likely, meet the same face two days running.

In the winter it's quite different. After a week of walking around Venice — and one does have to walk a lot — or of waiting at the landing-stage for the diesel-run *vaporetto*, the same laughing students are there, the same solemn good wives with their shopping bags and well-preserved fur collars, the same retired gentlemen with righteous blue eyes and brown hats. This is everyday Venice where the passers-by are sparse, where eventually they say good morning.

My first visit to Venice was on a cold, bright morning in February, with a friend who had been there before. However much one has read and heard about the visual impact of Venice, it never fails to take one by surprise. After five visits I still gasp. It isn't merely the architecture, the palaces, the bridges and the general splendour, it is the combination of architecture with water, space, light and colour that causes amazement; especially I think the element of water.

The first impression of the waterways of Venice is acoustic, so that normal sensations subliminally cease and new ones take their place. Voices, footsteps, bird-cries, a cough from the window on the other side of the canal — all are different from the sounds of the land one has left. The traffic is entirely watery. A greengrocer's shop piled high with colourful vegetables is a ship floating past your window. After a few days of this estrangement from normal life I begin to feel at home with it.

Some people tell me they can never settle down to a feeling of familiarity with Venice. Sometimes those are people who frequent the super-hotels where everything is done to comfort and console the visitors who come with their usual bag of worries. I don't say that this isn't a very good thing for a holiday. But the very nature of Venice is such that the things that usually preoccupy us, from which we are attempting to get away, undergo a shift of perspective after about three days.

I have known Venice in a mist and drizzle, where everything is depressed and soaking, every bridge is a bridge of sighs. But it is not the usual personal depression one is experiencing, it is something else, something belonging to Venice, it is collective.

I think this is something the reverse of Ruskin's *Pathetic Fallacy* in which he holds that artists and poets tend to attribute to nature our human responses; Venice would be "brooding" or "smiling" according as we feel. On the contrary, I think we are sad when majestic Venice is in gloom; and if we are depressed already the fine thing about those gloomy days of Venice is that you forget what you are personally depressed about.

Venice is a very good place to be sad. On days of mist, it is like a trip to the Shades. But winter often sparkles and these are the days one can sit warmly in Florian's café while outside the hardy musicians perform their nostalgic palm-court pieces.

Venice has been declining for some hundreds of years. Decline is now of its essence, and I don't think it would be anything like as attractive to ourselves if it were on the way up in the modern sense of flourishing. The Venetians themselves talk little about Venice, never unless you ask. They are proud of their native city and attached to it, but it doesn't go to their heads as it does with the rest of us.

There was a time when wealthy foreigners like Milly in Henry James's *The Wings of the Dove* could take on a romantic palace, and play at princesses. Poor Milly got what she demanded, and this was, of course, how James made fun of his contemporaries in Venice:

> *At Venice, please, if possible, no dreadful, no vulgar hotel; but if it can be at all managed — you know what I mean — some fine old rooms, wholly independent, for a series of months. Plenty of them, too, and the more interesting the better: part of a palace, historic and picturesque, but strictly inodorous, where we shall be to ourselves, with a cook, don't you know? — with servants, frescos, tapestries, antiquities, the thorough make-believe of a settlement.*

'One absorbs the marvellous place'

Byron thought seriously of settling permanently in Venice to spend the winters there. Permanently is not a good idea; it's bad for our bones, and also, the sort of infatuation a foreigner feels about Venice cannot last. Henry James's American girlfriend, if one can stretch a phrase, settled in Venice only to throw herself out of a window one dark night, to her death. Byron's Venetian girl, who threw herself into the canal was careful to be rescued.

However, it is difficult not to be romantic about Venice. Myself, I arrived on one of my visits — it was early in November — nearly midnight. All the river traffic including the taxis, were on strike in solidarity with the gondoliers who had notices up demanding that gondoliers' claims should be dealt with "globally". There was a squall blowing in from the lagoon.

It was quite a plight for me, there on the landing-stage, for my luggage was heavy with some reference books (I was correcting the proofs of my Venetian novel *Territorial Rights*). But it was really exciting to strike a bargain with some men on a coal barge which rocked and plunged in the wind and surge, with me and my books among the sooty cargo, up the Grand Canal where Doges and Dowagers were once wont to ride in state.

The night porter at my lodgings showed no surprise; he merely came down to the landing-stage to collect me and my goods, dripping rags that we were, and to make sure that the men had not overcharged me.

I will always remember that midnight journey through the black water, and the calling of the bargemen, wild sea-bird noises, as every now and again they passed another laden vessel. The places were mostly in darkness with the water splashing their sides, the painted mooring poles gleaming suddenly in the light of our passing; the few lights from the windows were dim and greenish, always from tiny windows at the top. Nobody walked on the banks, and yet a strange effect that I can only describe as water-voices came from those sidewalks and landing-stages.

Perhaps they were ghosts, wet and cold.

I usually stay at a charming, fairly old *pensione* near the Accademia, which sits on an angle of the Grand Canal and a side canal. In time, after I had taken in day by day all the sights and spectacles of Venice, the incredible St Mark's church, the happy square with its shops full of expensive junk, the Tintorettos, museums and galleries and all those already hyper-described stones of Venice, I began to form a Venice of my own. It is rather as one does with acquaintances when one goes to live for a length of time in a new country — eventually one whittles them down to an affectionate few.

These I visit again and again in my winter walks and excursions, well wrapped up and wearing boots like everyone else. Most men and women wear warm hats, too.

Since one of the advantages of an off-season visit is that there are no crowds, it is impossible to sit without interruption almost alone in the church of the Frari looking at Titian's *Assumption*. I love to walk round the Ducal Palace to see those four charming Tetrachs, timid and proper and quietly influential, modestly embracing each other in a formal half-huddle.

Giorgione's mysterious *Tempest* in the Accademia is another of my best-loved familiars. And I remember a sunny winter trip, and also a cold bleak one, with a friend in the ferry-boat to Torcello, one of the islands in the Venetian lagoon where very little goes on now except the magnificent Cathedral, part Gothic, part Byzantine.

There is a vast biblical narrative done in 7th-century mosaics at one end, and a golden-backed mosaic of the Madonna behind the altar, hypnotically radiant. But going behind the altar to snoop we waded into a deep pool of water which had seeped into that glorious building. We were glad of our boots. In winter there are no restaurants on the smaller islands, no bar on the ferry-boats. But sweet visitors don't care, and the sour ones don't matter.

The art treasures apart, what I return to again and again are the more homely friends of my walks through the windy *calles* and the placid, sometimes leafy squares of Venice. These include a men's hat shop standing all alone in a small square house on the canal near Santa Maria Formosa; in the windows, and piled up inside, is a vast variety of men's hats; straw boaters, Breton sailors' berets, felt hats, black velour hats, fedoras, stetsons, hats for hunting and hats for going to funerals.

Funerals in Venice, of course, are a stately procession. The city lays on a great show, with gilt-edged barges and coffins carved within an inch of their lives. In vain have the last two Popes set the example of being buried in plain pinewood boxes, there in St Peter's for all the world to see. Venice sails on regardless.

In Venice the ambulance service too is interesting: it provides a sedan chair to run a less than stretcher-case down to the boat.

Roberto Koch

'I have seen it in mist, every bridge a bridge of sighs'

Often, in Venice, getting lost, as everyone does, I have come across a type of that high blank wall of *The Aspern Papers*:

> *. . . a high blank wall which appeared to confine an expanse of ground on one side of the house. Blank I call it, but it was figured over with the patches that please a painter, repaired breaches, crumblings of plaster, extrusions of brick that had turned pink with time; and a few thin trees, with the poles of certain rickety trellises, were visible over the top. The place was a garden and apparently it belonged to the house.*

I like the term "apparently". Because, in Venice, anything can or might lie behind those high blank walls. It is well to say "apparently". One never knows.

And the bridges on the side canals are something I can gaze at for hours. Sometimes they are set in groups, obliquely, for no immediately serviceable reason, and this is all the more enchanting.

It is true that, for myself, I never cease to feel a certain amazement that all that sheer visual goodness and aural sublimity was in fact based on commerce. Culture follows gold, somebody said. Indeed, in Venice, it apparently has done so.

Today in Venice you could never live and follow a culture in the sort of style that gave birth to it. In a Venetian palace you could never live a modern life, you would have to be serving the walls, serving the servants, giving orders for your private river-boat to be repaired, the mooring-posts to be painted, the crystal chandeliers to be cleaned piece by piece. To own a Venetian palace must be simply awful. Some people still do it.

It was comparatively late in a much-travelled life that I made my first trip to Venice. That was in 1975. I was vaguely saving it up for a romantic occasion. Special and romantic occasions were not wanting in my life but they never coincided with the possibility of a trip to Venice. So in the winter of 1975 I suddenly went. Venice itself was the romantic occasion: the medium is the message.

Books: Muriel Spark's latest novel, *Far Cry from Kensington* is published by Constable, at £9.95. Her biography of Mary Shelley (Constable, £14.95) will appear in early July

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A skiing industry comes to life as the whole country joins in

Italians born south of Milan used to regard skiing with the same diffidence as Oscar Wilde regarded fox-hunting. Now on the Italian ski-slopes. Sicilians queue for lifts side by side with German, Dutch and British skiers.

Skiing is now a national sport and since its growing popularity the southern faces of the Alps are now dotted with the same international *mélange* of snow enthusiasts that crowd the slopes of the Swiss, Austrian and French Alps.

In 1986 two million foreigners visited the mountain regions of northern Italy, their number more than matched by the flux of Italian visitors, marking a further increase in the steady growth of the country's mountain tourism.

Italy may have come later to mountain tourism than its richer more organized northern European rivals, but has fast caught up, offering perhaps the greatest variety of scenic, sporting and gastronomic mountain holidays in the whole of Europe.

The Italian Alps, from the western valley of Aosta and Piedmont, offer some of the most scenic skiing in Europe. The tiny but historic Aosta Valley was already important in Roman times and offers some majestic remnants of the Roman Empire. The town of Aosta, once the gateway to Gaul, founded in AD 23, still preserves a massive Praetorian gate, a forum, Roman theatre, and triumphal arch in honour of Augustus.

Winter sports are one of the mainstays of the region's economy and some of the country's most modern mountain transport operates here. The resorts of La Thuile and Courmayeur lie under the majestic Mont Blanc where skiers are shipped efficiently up to the massive skiing areas in spacious cabins at the rate of 1,000 to 2,000 an hour.

It is a good idea to ski with one's passport here because a recent connection from La Thuile ski slopes connects it to the slopes of La Rosière in France, and Courmayeur has always been connected by ski runs to Chamonix in France. International skiers can ski to Switzerland from Breuil-Cervinia at the foot of Mount Cervino and Gressonay la Trinité and Gressoney St Jean below Monte Rosa offer less-ambitious skiers enough new ski runs to make them competitive with their more-renowned neighbouring towns.

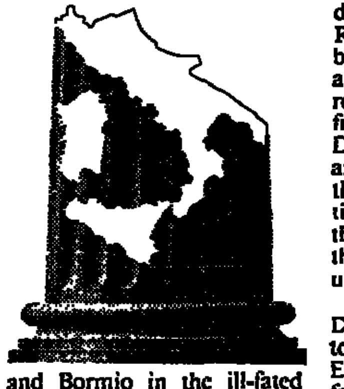
Clear air and quiet hillside villages

Winter is by no means the only tourist season here. Summer skiers have at their disposal the vast glaciers of Mont Blanc year-round and climbing enthusiasts have several peaks to choose from. Nature-lovers can spend happy holidays wandering around the huge national park of the Gran Paradiso, south of Aosta.

Piedmont is a traditional Italian ski area where the first resort, Bardonecchia, grew up in the last century on the Italian side of the new Fréjus tunnel.

Local skiers from Turin mix with the international crowd in the modern resort of Sestrière at the centre of one of Italy's largest ski areas while further afield the small but much-loved village of Macugnaga offers magnificent views of the Monte Aosa and traditional mountain architecture — the chalet houses of an ancient German population known as the Walser make up much of this family-style resort.

Not two hours' drive from Milan lie the large expanses of snow fields around Livigno and Bormio in the ill-fated Valtellina, a valley which suffered mud slides last summer. Local tourist authorities, however, are putting this romantic area back on the skiing map with cut-price skiing holidays. Bormio is also on the edge of the huge national park of the Stelvio with its abundant wild life of deer, chamois and marmots.



Moving westwards the mountains transform into the rose-colour fairy-tale pinnacles of the Dolomites, which stretch from the central Trentino-Alto Adige regions to the Veneto.

A rock-climber's paradise, these mountains offer skiers rare aesthetic pleasure. Towns in the upper Adige valley near the Austrian border have the onion-topped towers of the Hapsburg Empire because the region was part of Austria until the end of the First World War when the defeated Austrians handed over the South Tyrol and the Trentino to Italy.

The South Tyrol became the Alto Adige, but the region is still bilingual and the flavour of the area is Austrian. There is a wealth of well-kept delightful villages for mountain tourists, whether walkers or skiers, within easy reach of Bolzano in the Isarco valley, or the old Hapsburg spa town of Merano.

Bressanone and Brunico nearer the Austrian border are delightfully reminiscent of the Roman, medieval and Hapsburg past of this area with arcaded streets, provincial baroque Austrian churches and frescoed houses. This year the Dolomites celebrate a 200th anniversary. Though they are the result of prehistoric eruptions, they were named after the first naturalist to analyze the pink rock which so distinguishes them.

Marquis Déodat Grate de Dolomieu, a French geologist, took a trip in 1788 to the Eastern Alps and the now-famous resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. His studies of the rock showed they were made of carbonate of calcium, magnesium and petrified coral.

Winter is not the only season here

While Cortina has grown into Italy's most chic winter sports resort, the surrounding mountains are still the most spectacular of the Eastern Dolomites. And this year's anniversary gives Dolomite towns and villages ample excuse to celebrate with exhibitions of the various minerals and rocks of the area, boat trips on the innumerable lakes, open-air theatre of mountain legends in the chalet towns like Selva di Val Gardena.

In the alps: Sicilians now head north and rank among Europe's great ski enthusiasts

The Dolomites offer mountain travellers a gamut of sports and pleasures for all seasons. The carefully cultivated tourist policy of the area keeps new buildings to a minimum, but rather restructures what is already there.

Hotels are often medieval hill-top castles, countryside "masi" or farmhouses in the Trentino and old 18th-century Hotels della Poste, common to all mountain villages, which have been modernized but their original characteristics preserved.

Skiing both downhill and cross-country is obviously the prime sport, but skating, hiking, climbing, swimming, riding and fishing are close rivals. Inhabitants are proud of their environment and it is rare to see it sacrificed to hasty development projects so common to modern tourism.

Popular as mountain tourism is becoming, the sunny side of the Alps still offer the clear air, tranquil hillside villages, serene open spaces and magnificent unspoilt views as well as modern accommodation and excellent cuisine, so sought after by city dwellers.

Janet Stobart

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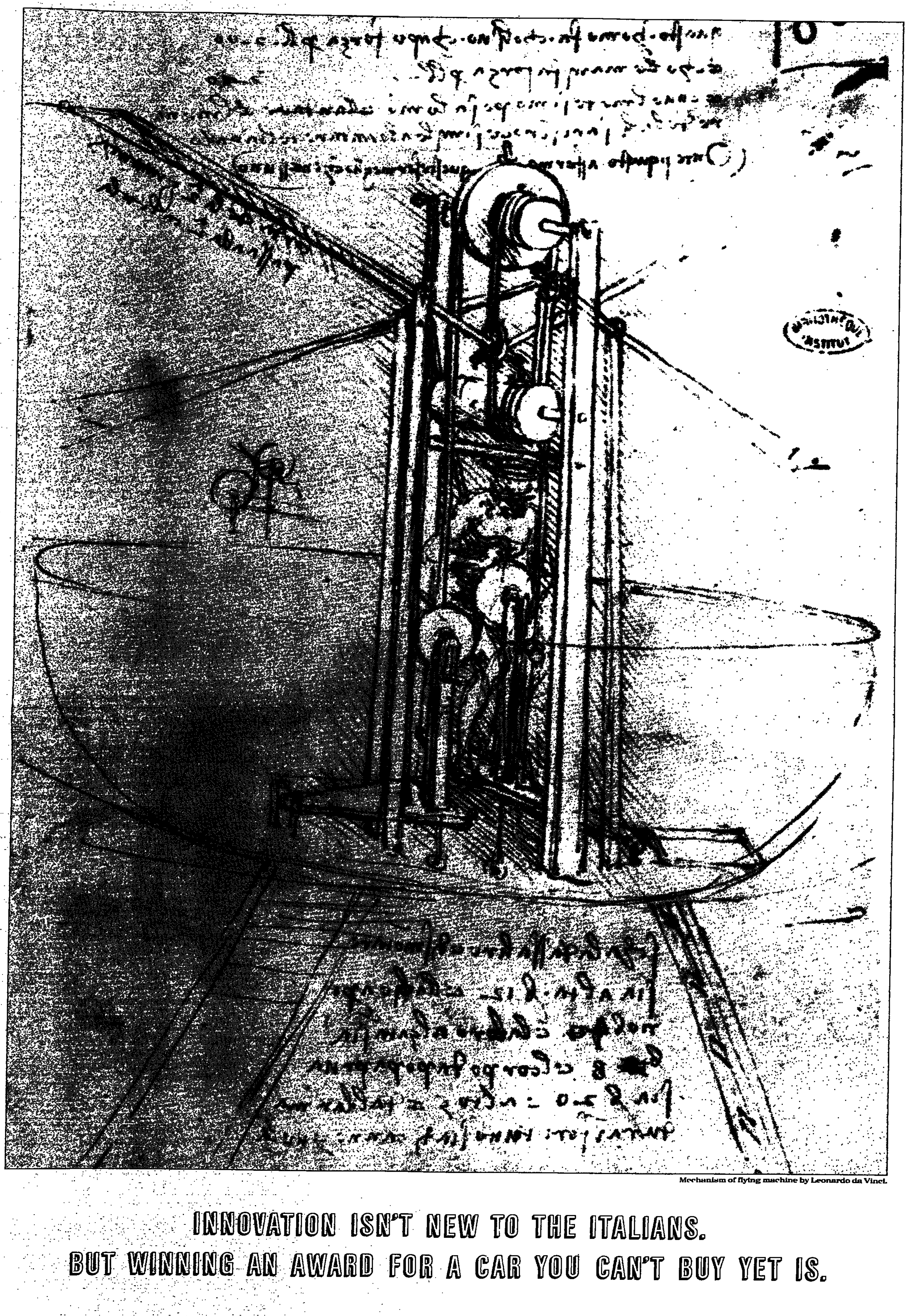

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Ravello reverie: "a mountain town that has only just entered the 20th century"

Vidal on his love affair with Ravello

From his cliff-clinging eyrie high above the Amalfi coast, Gore Vidal surveys the splendid spectacle of mountains and sea and muses on the question put to him.

The ever-iconoclastic author of *Myra Breckenridge* replies: "Three works of art that should be saved... Well, Andreotti, of course. He has been running Italy since 1945, and he's a great work of art."

Andreotti is Giulio Andreotti, whose political longevity as a leading exponent of Italy's Christian Democrat party is indeed legend.

Mr Vidal continues wryly, "then I should save the Victor Emmanuel Monument, the great white marble typewriter in Rome." Rome authorities agree. Ignoring sporadic calls for demolition of the monument as a century-old eyesore, they hope to find some practical use for it, perhaps admitting visitors to its lofty upper reaches to get fine views of the city, the only views in which this marble monstrosity does not appear.

"Lastly, I would choose Masaccio's Adam and Eve — before the fig leaf was removed." The fig leaf, actually a branch of botanically anonymous foliage, now exists only in reproductions of the figures painted by Masaccio on the walls of the Brancacci Chapel in Florence's church of Santa Maria del Carmine, after restorers disrespectfully scraped the prudish postiche off the original.

Mr Vidal's replies stem from his honed sense of humour and his proverbially polemical attitude toward what much of the world calls progress. Appropriately, he delivers his barbs from his refuge in Ravello, an enchanting place which he has described as "a mountain town that has only just entered the 20th century."

Gore Vidal has loved Ravello almost as long as Giulio Andreotti has been in politics. He first saw the town in 1948 and some 20 years ago bought a home there, a marvellous white villa which shares Villa Cimbrone's gardens and views. Now he thankfully acknowledges that Ravello has remained relatively unchanged over the years.

First-time visitors are not readily impressed by Ravello, rattled as they are by the slightly scary ride up the mountain side around an interminable succession of hairpin turns. Entering the town's one and only piazza, they find a dignified but plain old cathedral and considerable calm and tranquillity. From the piazza visitors can wander off into peaceful lanes and broad ramps of stairs which traverse the town, leading to medieval churches with prettily rounded little cupolas, gracious old villa hotels and romantic gardens and gorgeous views.

Aside from a few inevitable concessions to the tourist trade in and around the piazza, where there are a pair of pleasant cafés and several shops selling ceramics, coral and sundry souvenirs, Ravello remains remarkably unspoiled, confirming Mr Vidal's evaluation.

Ravello's position has been a determining factor in its history and is responsible for its intact beauty and extraordinary appeal. Paradoxically, this peaceful town owes its name to its status as a proud rebel community (Italian *ribello*, hence Ravello).

It was founded in the Middle Ages by dissident nobles from the powerful maritime republic of Amalfi. Political disputes had led them to abandon Amalfi and establish their own small but opulent community on the heights of Mount Torello, where they could govern as they saw fit.

Eventually Ravello was reconciled with Amalfi and became a partner in its prosperous trade. The town's population increased rapidly, reaching a peak of about 35,000 in the 12th and 13th centuries. Ravello's population now numbers little more than 2,000 including Mr Vidal, who was named an honorary citizen in 1983.

During the Middle Ages, more than 100 churches were erected in Ravello. Only ten survive, and not all in a good state of preservation. The most important is, of course, the cathedral, founded in 1086. Now that most of the church has been stripped of its Baroque architectural frosting, it has reacquired its austere Romanesque aspect.

Just across the way from the cathedral, a vine-covered stone tower marks the entrance to Villa Rufolo, built in the late 13th century by a descendant of Ravello's noble founders. Nicola Rufolo's residence was a splendid one, and Boccaccio was so impressed with its palace, gardens and fountains that he set one of the episodes of his *Decameron* there.

Much later, in May 1880, when parts of the palace had fallen into romantic ruin and the gardens were 600 years old, Richard Wagner visited Villa Rufolo. His much publicized remark that the fabled Garden of Klingsor had been found was recorded in the villa's guest book and earned him a privileged spot in the list of its illustrious visitors. The local tourist office gratefully cites Wagner in all its brochures and makes sure that his music is on the programme of Ravello's annual music festival.

Unforgettable setting for the festival's concerts early in July, Villa Rufolo's gardens are magnificent throughout the year. They command spectacular views of a large part of the Amalfi coast, where the steep mountain sides are green with terraced vineyards and citrus groves.

Inconspicuous little signs point the way along the lane to Villa Cimbrone. On a ridge overlooking the sea, the estate was purchased in the early 1900s by Lord Ernest William Berckett, who built himself a mansion and had the park and gardens laid out to his taste.

The grounds are traversed by long allées leading to a cliff top belvedere where worn marble busts frame a vista perhaps even more breathtaking than that at Villa Rufolo and decidedly more vertiginous. This is the view which Mr Vidal shares from his eyrie, projecting from the rock below.

With its gardens and distant vistas, Ravello is best visited in fair weather under clear skies, conditions found frequently on the sheltered Amalfi coast. Nevertheless, Mr Vidal would undoubtedly agree that the town has a more subtle appeal in stormy weather, when visitors comfortably ensconced in warm, glassed-in verandas, can watch the swiftly changing light continually transform the colours of coast, sea and cloud-streaked sky.

In all seasons, Ravello has charms to enchant both eye and spirit of those who ascend to its lofty height.

Barbara Walsh

La Scala by satellite

The world's top opera house is preparing for a global audience. Peter Nichols considers the challenge

Understandably enough, Carlo Maria Badini believes that the first and foremost aim of the culturally minded tourist who comes to Italy should be a visit to La Scala: he has been general manager for 11 years of the world's most famous opera-house.

His outward calm is seemingly invulnerable and his whole behavior not at all operatic. "I would say," he says with complete equanimity, "that I cannot recall any one, entire day of tranquillity. There has never been a lack of problems. It is important that we don't become bored by the problems because then they won't be solved." He was talking in the wake of the row which broke over the new production of Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore* which was supposed to have been a vehicle for Luciano Pavarotti.

The great tenor however withdrew just before the first night after quarrelling both with the conductor, Giuseppe Patanè, and with the production. (Patanè's comment: "He was very irritable at the rehearsals and perhaps was also not in the best of health..." While Milan's *Corriere della Sera* headlined its report of the affair: "La Scala's poisoned elixir...")

And so the first night audience had not only to digest the disappointment of Pavarotti's absence but also a staging of the opera which mixed reasonably attractive handling of the action interspersed with pointless anomalies including a tight-rope walker, suitcases with rain across the stage on long thin legs, and dancers on stilts, which brought shouts of anger on the first night.

Triumphal scene: Aida with a typical star cast including Pavarotti and Dimitrova

Carlo Badini was as imperturbable as ever. "In my position, I can't be taken by surprise," he says. "The theatre is not a museum. We can't go on reproducing operas as they were first presented. In Mozart's case, this would mean performing them without a conductor."

And that would be particularly unimaginable for Milan where Riccardo Muti is generally regarded as having inserted himself skilfully into the theatre's life despite the fact that he replaced Claudio Abbado whose tenure lasted 20 years.

Signor Badini is planning a Mozart season for Muti who will conduct revivals of *Le Nozze di Figaro*, of *Cosi Fan Tutte* as well as of the *Don Giovanni* with which he opened the current season.

What does Carlo Badini feel has been accomplished in the course of his 11 years as general manager? He gives first place to his efforts to build up a relationship between the opera-house and television.

"My aim has been to prepare La Scala for the time when opera will be broadcast, live by satellite. We have to solve the problems the presence of television cameras and lighting bring to performances. Our productions now go on radio and television here in Italy: in the future, Americans and Japanese viewers will be able to see them live."

He is content with having included important contemporary works in each of the seasons for which he has been responsible. And for having balanced the budget. Some 30 per cent of expenditure is covered by La Scala's own efforts, meaning box-office and sponsors, while the rest is covered by a state grant of over lire 55,000 million.

The project about which he talks with most enthusiasm is that of giving to Muti some of Verdi's greatest operas which have been absent from La Scala's repertory because of what he believes to be a diffidence caused by comparisons with great artists who have performed them in the recent past, meaning, as much as anything, the shadow of Maria Callas. Or, to judge by the protests against the staging of *L'Elisir d'Amore*, a frustrated nostalgia for Luchino Visconti.

Internationalism is one of his guiding principles. He proposes that the new legislation now in hand in Italy for regulating the country's operatic life should take carefully into account the fact that opera-houses now organize themselves on a European scale.

Opera can no longer be enclosed, in terms of legislation, within national frontiers: and the European Community is too small because opera cannot be envisaged on western European terms without the presence of Austria.

Until 10 or 15 years ago, provincial opera houses were proud to be the first to launch young singers who went on to become famous. The young tenor, Vincenzo La Scola, who replaced Pavarotti in the Donizetti opera, was practically making his debut at La Scala which in the past would not have happened: he would first have sung the role at Catania or Bari.

Opera still commands a public in Italy and this he believes is because Italy, with Germany, produced about 90 per cent of operatic music and opera itself was born in Italy.

"There is still pride in this page of our history, and especially of the operatic writing of the last century. Music dominated that whole period. We feel a certain necessity to communicate through music. But it is Verdi and Puccini who remain most poular.

"Interest in Mozart began about a decade ago. And the popularity of 19th century Italian opera is not limited to Italy: who knows how many theatres throughout the world are performing an opera by Verdi or by Puccini tonight?" At La Scala that night it was the ill-fated Donizetti production.

Would Badini like to give his private opinion on the celebrated quarrel which had involved tenor, conductor and stage-director? "No", he said, "but I must say that all of them made the most of the publicity it offered them."

Nelson's Emma amid the willows

The foothills of Monte Pellegrino, the stark mountain which dominates the Palermo landscape, is an unlikely place to discover eclectic ghosts, yet they can be heard laughing and dancing at La Favorita.

The voices of Lady Emma Hamilton and Lord Nelson still drift tantalizingly along the exotic willow painted corridors of the *Palazzina Cinese*, the oriental fantasy home of Ferdinando IV of Naples, the exiled Bourbon king who fled to Palermo between the years 1798 to 1815.

Rising incongruously above the dusty Mediterranean scrub of the Favorita Park, about 40 minutes by car from the centre of Palermo, this Chinese extravaganza is a haunting tribute to the *chinoiserie* craze which swept the city towards the end of the 18th century.

The palace resembles a pagoda topped with oriental temple bells and pennants. It is flanked with polygonal porticos and columns counterbalanced by spacious roof terraces and two winding staircases that form curious exterior turrets. The unforgettable architectural mélange, predominantly in reds and ochres, was the inspiration of Venanzio Marvuglia in 1799, an otherwise strictly neo-classic architect.

Any anxiety King Ferdinando and Queen Maria Carolina may have had about the rigours of a life in exile after the opulence of the Naples court, must have vanished by the time artists Velasco, Patania and Riolo completed their fantastic interior décor where exotica unashamedly runs riot.

Where exoticism and classical mythology meet: Detail from La Favorita, left, and Anadiomene in the Siracuse museum

Styles switch manically from room to room. The Oriental flavour to the dining room, audience hall and King's chamber is captured on brilliantly coloured silk wallcoverings depicting dragons, peacocks and Mandarins which contrast with delicate paintings of Chinese rural life where peasants labour conscientiously beneath willow and banana trees and parrots swoop overhead.

Beneath a cascade of chandelier light, the spirited Lady Hamilton and Lord Nelson who were frequent guests of the king, may have exchanged glances across the "automatic" dining table.

The amorous couple were safe from the prying eyes of servants, inevitably dressed Chinese-style, who were conveniently stationed below the diners operating an ingenious winch system concealed within the table whereby dishes were hoisted up and down in response to a number of instructive knocks.

On the second upper floor, the queen's appartments flit capriciously from Turkish to Pompeian themes while the public hearing rooms and chapel revert to the neo-classical. The sheer wealth of romantic imagination combined with furniture bought over in 1805 from the royal palace in Portici and the Villa Favorita in Naples must have stunned the coterie of guests.

Today the Chinese house stands empty and passing cars drown any hint of temple bells. Although the responsibility of Palermo City Council since 1921, La Favorita is verging on dereliction.

Perhaps it is because everything that was not looted in the last was has simply been left to moulder peacefully, as if guests had somehow slipped quietly away, that you can still hear their echoing voices and the clink of crystal.

Sadly, imagination has to compensate for the neglect and in 1982 La Favorita was declared structurally unsafe and a major part sealed off. Unless funds to restore the palace materialize soon, it will simply crumble in the sun.

The gardens once described as a paradise filled with fountains, glades and statues and the 1000-acre Royal Favorita Park, the joy of King Ferdinando who was something of an agricultural expert, have also hit inexorable decline although salvation in the form of a replanting programme has begun.

Ironically, amid the fantastic decay of the audience hall where exoticism and classical mythology combine under magnificent drapes and chandeliers, Palermo's newly-weds nervously gather, for this is the unlikely venue of civil marriages. A last attempt to evoke a memorable day.

But despite ruination, the *palazzina* is not short on Sicilian charm providing you do not expect a catalogue or guide. As you enter (in this case by private arrangement) and escape the afternoon heat, it is with pride that an elderly custodian unlocks the door and bids you enter.

Oblivious to your shock at such blatant neglect, he smiles and points to a table in perfect neo-classical tradition but with legs broken and tied up with chicken wire. It seems his duties stop here, and you are left to wander this fantasyland with the powerful suspicion that your footsteps on marble are intruding on regal ghosts still enjoying one last dance.

A network of underground passages from La Favorita to the servants quarters and kitchens now lead to the Giuseppe Pitrè Museum of Sicilian Ethnography, converted in 1909.

Inevitably, the museum is a bizarre collection of uncatalogued curios in dusty, tired rooms ranging from olive presses, wide-eyed dolls in tattered lace to instruments of torture and not surprisingly sedans for the dead.

Judith Parsons

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Putting Sicily on show

Museums by their very nature are not commonly associated with a forward-looking approach. But that is exactly the role ascribed to the impressive new museum in Syracuse on Sicily's eastern coast.

The museum is important for two reasons. The first is that new museums on a large scale are rare in Italy and this one has a highly modern approach to the task of exhibiting treasures of ancient art to the best effect.

And, secondly, the collection itself is enlightening on ancient Sicily and the period of Greek colonisation when Syracuse, half a millennium before Christ, rivalled Carthage for the position of the leading city in the western world and culturally was second only to Athens.

The collection includes outstanding masterpieces such as the Venus Landolina while portraying at the same time, in remarkable detail, the life that was lived in this vital part of the ancient world.

The museum was inaugurated on January 16 in the presence not only of Sicilian intellectuals such as Leonardo Sciascia but, to underline its international importance, the directors of the Louvre, the Prado and the Metropolitan museums.

It was designed by Franco Minissi who points out that he has done away with the idea of rooms. Instead, he has provided free and flexible spaces which can easily be changed to meet various circumstances because of a series of columns to which cases can be attached according to need.

Signor Minissi says he was the first to introduce perspex and crystal in museum display cases — at the Villa Giulia Museum in Rome — to replace metal and wood thus offering an unobstructed view.

The collection is displayed along geographical as well as chronological lines. The first of three main divisions deals with the pre-history and proto-history of eastern Sicily including, among the examples of early fauna the fossil bones of two dwarf elephants.

The second section deals with the great Greek colonial cities of the area including Gela and Agrigento as well as Syracuse while the third section is devoted to the cities founded by the Greeks, a form of second generation colonialism.

All this is intended to make the account of the ancient world which the museum offers comprehensible today to the modern traveller and by doing so offers a challenge to the Sicilian region, as well as to the makers of policy on tourism at the national level, which they would ignore at their peril.

This strategy calls for comfortable accommodation for intelligent travellers, who will not spend as if they were on the traditional grand tour, but are willing to pay reasonably to relax and eat well when not pursuing culture.

Circumstances are favourable given the growing reluctance on the part of tourists to spend holidays in the big cities.

Syracuse itself has its charm, especially the old centre, even if it offers little to evoke its ancient glory. Its surroundings are beautiful, including the beaches, but pollution will remain a problem until decisions to muzzle the output of the petro-chemical factories nearby at Augusta come finally into force.

These are the problems to be faced if Syracuse's museum is to fulfill its forward-looking role as a catalyst for the fusing of two essential elements in Italian life.

These are the country's massive cultural heritage, which is estimated at representing two-thirds of the whole of the western world's monuments and works of art, and Italy's experience over the centuries of being the biggest force in the world for drawing visitors within its frontiers.

The museum at Syracuse is a conscious attempt at finding the right balance between art and the discerning visitor — between satisfying the tourist's search for pleasure and the proper exploitation of the country's artistic patrimony.

The mistake not to make is to follow Goethe's Italian diaries too closely because the greatest geniuses can make simple errors. When he was in eastern Sicily, he decided to put off going to Syracuse (almost exactly two hundred years ago) and comforted himself with the curt phrase: "It is easy to go there from Catania". But he never did.

Peter Nichols

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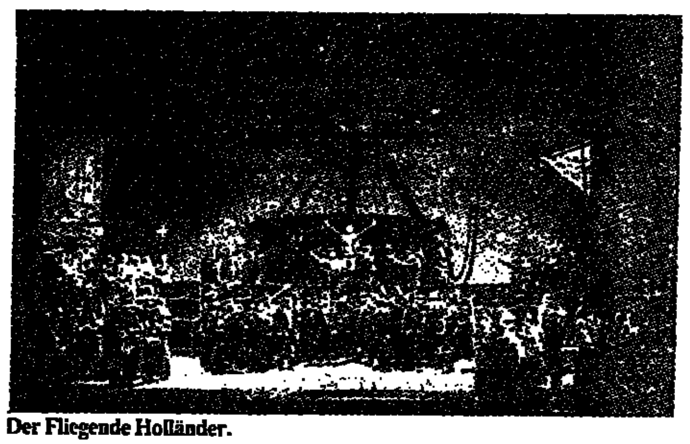

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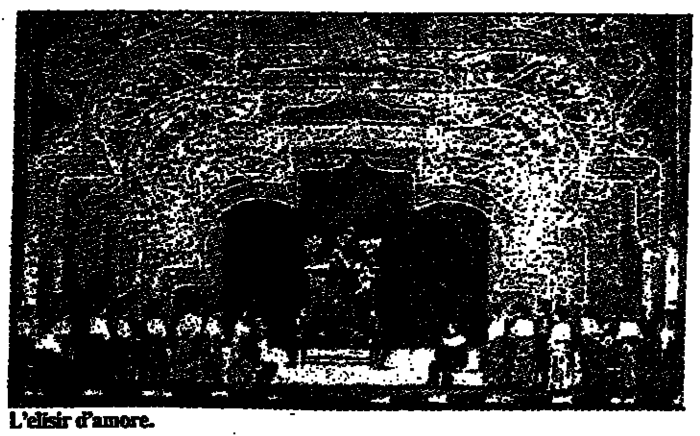

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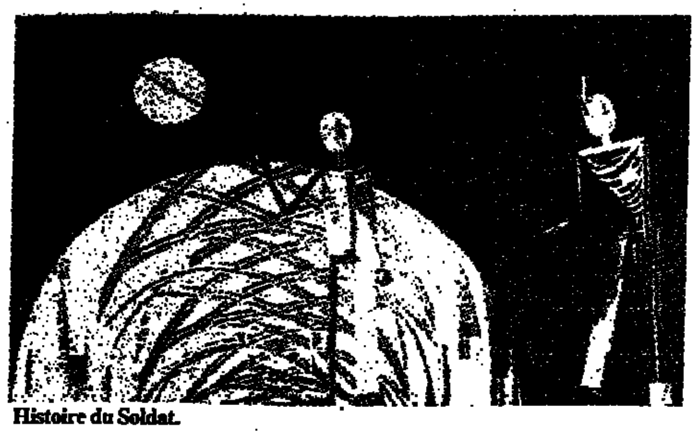

Histoire du Soldat.

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The silent enemy on the attack

The enemy most feared by conservationists and restorers has a name: sulphur dioxide. It comes from burnt petrol, diesel oil and heating fuels. It eats its way into the marble and travertine of ancient monuments, churches and palazzi, as well as helping frescos indoors to disintegrate.

At Rome's Central Restoration Institute, a short distance from the Colosseum and the Forum, a team of chemists study the effects of this and other pollutants on Italy's artistic and historical treasures.

It was in the institute's laboratories that chemists came up with the cleaner that is being used to remove centuries of soot from the Sistine Chapel.

Signora Anna Maria Giovagnoli, a chemist in her early 30s, sits in one of the institute's laboratories surrounded by sophisticated electronic apparatus to absorb and analyze the air.

She talks about sulphur dioxide with the respectful loathing that Sherlock Holmes might use in discussing Professor Moriarty.

"It is not the sulphur dioxide itself" she explains, "but the transformation that takes place. It is harmless on its own, but mixed with water or humidity, it becomes sulphuric acid. This corrodes metal and transforms the surface of marble and other stones into a powdery chalky substance that flakes off. And on frescos, which are porous, it undermines the layer of plaster under the paint."

But sulphur dioxide is not the only enemy, and can combine with a secondary enemy known as suspended particular matter (SPM). This is a fine, invisible dust that can cling to the outside of buildings or to indoor surfaces and paintings. In time it produces a dark crust. But what is worse is that it can become a vehicle for other pollutants, in particular sulphur dioxide.

"Sometimes we will be cleaning the facade of a church," says Signora Giovagnoli, "and we find this dark layer. It looks as if this is just on the suface and can be simply cleaned off. But then we find that the crust of microdust hides a layer of stone that has been deeply damaged by the sulphuric acid.

"It is more or less the same thing that happens when a dent in a car is repaired incompetently and rough or air bubbles are trapped under the new paint. It rots more quickly than if it had been left exposed."

The researchers at the Central Institute have also studied the way pollution penetrates inside buildings. They have found that often there is a higher concentration indoors than outside. The gases and dust come in during the day through doors and badly fitting windows.

This is the time when the concentration is highest outside. But then the churches and museums are closed at night, just when there is least pollution in the city's air, when wind and rain tend to clean it. So the dust, that among other things carries with it corrosive substances, accumulates inside.

In Rome and other Italian cities, restorers have been trying to protect stone in the open air with coats of acrylic or silicone based varnishes. The most complex and time consuming part, however, is the cleaning.

This is done chemically or mechanically, with a variety of different techniques according to the particular situation. Once the stone has been sufficiently cleaned, it is protected from the elements with these varnishes.

"Each type of protective coating has advantages and disadvantages," explains Cinzia Conti, the restorer who coordinates work on Rome's monuments. "They do not constitute final solutions, by any means. You see, while with frescos and paintings we have hundreds of years of experience, the protection and restoration of stone only became a necessity in the 1970s with the increase in pollution. We are learning all the time."

Work on the arch of Constantine and on the columns of Trajan and Marcus Aurelius is nearing completion, and they should soon reappear from beneath the scaffolding in all their splendour. How long they will last that way, however, remains to be seen.

Preventing damage inside buildings is more complex, clearly a fresco cannot be painted over with resin. The first, and apparently most banal measure that restorers recommend is the installation of revolving or double doors at the entrance, and a sealing of all the window frames and other apertures in the building.

Roberto Koch

Pomp and circumstance: Marcus Aurelius and his horse being removed for restoration

They also suggest limiting opening times, as well as the number of visitors allowed at any one time, since their feet tend to stir up the microdust and human breath can be corrosive. Sources of heat, that create air currents within the building, should also be eliminated.

The next step is the installation of filtered ventilation systems, and special carpets that use static electricity to trap the SPM.

But all this costs money, and in Rome alone there are literally hundreds of churches, *palazzi* and other buildings that are being slowly destroyed by pollution.

"In Italy there seems to be no idea of the need for constant maintenance," complains Anna Maria Giovagnoli. "There is never enough money. Fortunately we are beginning to get help from commercial sponsors, major corporations, banks and so on."

Even so it is doubtful that this will be enough. Also, while large corporations are invariably happy to finance the restoration of a famous landmark or monument, they are less willing to have their name connected to minor, but nevertheless artistically very important relics of the past.

Paul Bompard

How one of the greatest paintings was saved

*A list of essential tourist attractions is a highly emotive subject. **Lord Charles FitzRoy,** fine art expert, discusses the treasures he considers should not be missed*

Gunner Clarke and the fresco

Piero della Francesca's *Resurrection* and the story of the survival of this masterpiece during the last war is a classic tale of the pen being mightier than the sword.

In the late summer of 1944, gunnery officer Anthony Clarke, advancing through Italy with the 8th Army, was ordered to capture the small town of Borgo San Sepolcro in Tuscany. During the preliminary bombardment, he was worried as to where he had heard the name before.

Suddenly, he remembered reading an article by Aldous Huxley describing the *Resurrection* as "the greatest painting in the world."

He ceased firing and, as luck would have it, the Germans had already gone; Clarke entered the town unopposed to find the fresco intact. Had he registered a direct hit on the town hall, he would have destroyed, arguably, the greatest painting of the *Quattrocento.*

Painted in the late 1450s, the fresco depicts the moment when Christ rose from the dead. He is still standing in his tomb, with one foot planted on the edge, and clasping in his hand a banner to symbolize his victory over death. The four soldiers in the foreground continue to sleep and add to the impression that Christ is a somnambulist.

The monumentality of the figures looks back to Piero's Florentine predecessor Masaccio and, beyond him, to the Byzantine mosaics of the Middle Ages. Like them, Piero's majestic Christ induces a feeling of awe in the spectator, and it is surprising that it should have been commissioned for the town hall rather than for a church.

Across the Apennines from San Sepolcro lies the Veneto, the province which contains the finest villas in Italy. The Villa Barbaro at Maser, in a beautiful setting at the foot of the Dolomites, is among the finest of these and represents a miraculous fusion of the art of Palladio and Veronese.

It was commissioned from Palladio in 1557 by Daniele and his brother Marc Antonio Barbaro, high-ranking aristocrats who had retired to the country to become gentlemen-farmers.

Palladio intended the villa to be an integral part of the countryside and the two wings were actually used as farm buildings. The *piano nobile* of the central block contains a series of *trompe l'oeil* frescos by Veronese depicting imaginary views of the surrounding countryside, filled with romantic ruins. Members of the Barbaro family are depicted gazing down over a balustrade into the hall.

At opposite ends of a suite of rooms a huntsman is seen returning from the hunt while his wife awaits him at an open door. The charm of these frescos is quite captivating.

The nymphaeum at the back is filled with statues of the gods of Olympus by Alessandro Vittoria, the leading Venetian sculptor. At the foot of the hill there is a delightful chapel, a miniature replica of the Pantheon.

The Pantheon itself is the grandest building surviving from antiquity. Built by the Emperor Hadrian in early 2 AD as a shrine to all the gods, it was converted into a church in 608, and is now the burial-place of Raphael and several kings of Italy. Unlike St Peter's across the Tiber, and despite the fact that it has a larger dome, the Pantheon hides its glory and is tucked away in the charming little Piazza della Rotonda.

The interior is a revelation. The vast circular space is flooded with light which streams through the oculus in the middle of the dome. The height is exactly equal to the width, giving the building its sense of harmony.

The hidden buttresses, as complex as those of a Gothic cathedral, spread the enormous weight of the dome, so that it appears to float effortlessly above your head. The Pantheon is best visited at Pentecost, when white rose petals are scattered through the oculus and fall gently to the ground, like manna from heaven.

Of all the provinces in Italy, Umbria is the one I would choose to visit. The countryside, set in the foothills of the Apennines, is quite as beautiful as Tuscany and remains relatively undiscovered. It is the land of Saint Francis, the mildest of all Italian saints, and of Perugino, whose gentle Madonnas are so often depicted amid the rolling Umbrian hills.

Myriad hilltowns, such as Perugia, Orvieto and Spoleto, adorn this province, bristling defiance at their neighbours. Assisi is the jewel in Umbria's crown, a shrine for pilgrims and art-lovers.

St Francis is buried in the great Franciscan church at the foot of the hill and the story of his life is recorded in a profoundly moving cycle of frescos by Giotto and his followers possessing all the immediacy of a contemporary witness account.

Warriors from the sea

When Norman Douglas wrote *Old Calabria* in 1915, he described a wild and beautiful land, savage yet steeped in local and Hellenic culture. Undoubtedly, if Douglas were to return to his beloved Calabria today he would be horrified at the unchecked building this century, *writes Paul Bompard.*

Yet the charm of old Calabria remains both in terms of the natural beauty of its shores and mountains and in the relics of the past in which this region, once an ancient Greek colony, is rich.

The National Museum of Reggio Calabria is of particular interest in capturing these epochs and houses two of the world's most impressive masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture.

Undoubtedly one of the most intriguing finds in recent decades, the museum now displays the superb, larger than life size figures of two ancient warriors — the Riace Bronzes.

Tall, majestically athletic, with teeth, lips and nipples finished in silver and copper, the two figures (see page 1) dominate one of the museum's largest rooms, almost as if they were conscious of the mysterious adventures that over 2,500 years led them to that room.

On August 16, 1972, Signor Stefano Mariottini was snorkelling off the coast of Calabria, near the small town of Riace. As a member of an underwater archaeology club, he was routinely looking for any of the hundreds of wrecks along the Italian coast.

Something caught his eye eight metres below on the seabed. He did not immediately realize it, but it was the arm of a bronze statue.

A series of questions also emerged. Who did the statues represent? Who had produced them and when? And, perhaps most intriguing of all, how did they end up on the seabed?

Most experts agree they were made in Greece around the middle of the 5th century BC, and that they represent two warriors, one slightly older than the other. There are also various theories on the actual craftsmen who produced them, who they might be and what series of events led to their shipwreck.

The fact that no traces of a ship have been found in the area of sea where the bronzes were found leads to the idea that they might have been thrown overboard to lighten a ship caught in a storm.

The most plausible theory is that they were being transported either from Greece or from Magna Graecia towards Rome, which during its empire acquired huge quantities of Greek works of art.

While archaeologists continue to try and piece together the fragments, the Bronzes continue to gaze silently over the heads of millions of visitors, as if they would rather keep the secret to themselves.

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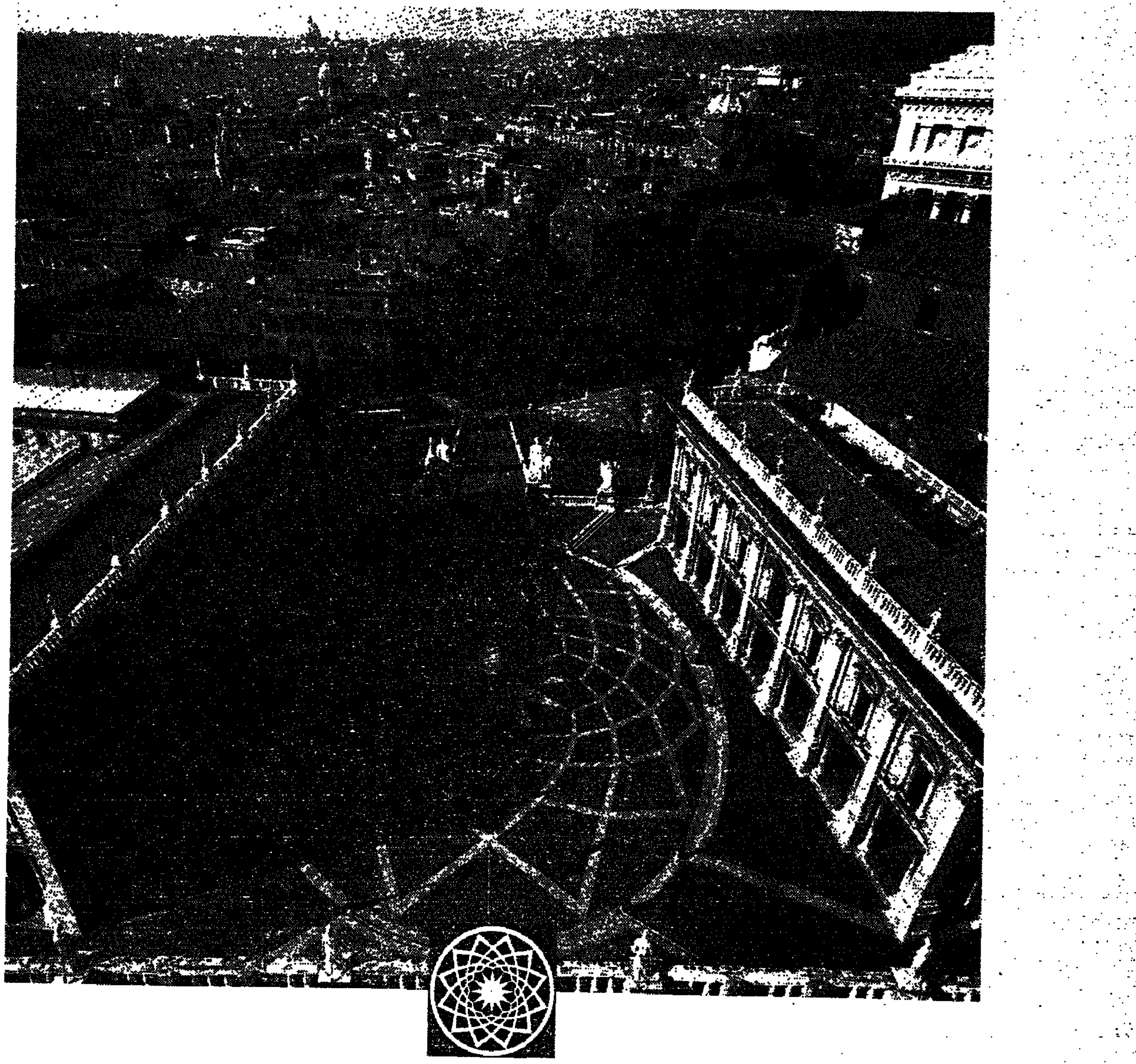

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Bottling up mini navies

By Ian A. Jack

Three redundant glass workers pooled their cash to start a firm producing ships in bottles. Now, from a rented 1,000-sq ft workshop, less than a mile from the Sunderland shipyards, their own mini-fleet is sailing out to destinations the world over.

Japan, America, Canada and New Zealand are some of the ports of call for the miniature sealed-in bottles or decanters by Dunelm Glass Sculptures as the partners John Wilson, Robert Sloan and Gordon Gardener aim at the high-value end of the gift trade.

All three left Corning's Wearside plant five years ago after a company reorganization which involved the transfer of their laboratory glass and process systems section to another factory in Staffordshire.

"We had good notice of the move", says John Wilson, "so we put our heads together and thought about what glass-makers like us could do with our redundancy money. The idea to make ships in the bottle was not original but it was the right thing for our skills."

Mr Wilson, now aged 43, took an evening course at the Sunderland Polytechnic to learn about running a business. The others experimented at home on a range of products, sometimes working in the garden shed to try out ideas.

John Wilson: In the wake of famous ships like the Golden Hind

By the time the trio left Corning they had rented a workshop unit from the local council and Dunelm Glass Sculptures was born.

For sales advice they went to Entrust, the Tyne and Wear enterprise agency, which provided an adviser for a 12-week period. "We had no marketing skills of our own," recalls John Wilson.

After the first year the contacts — and the orders — were growing. Much benefit has come from going to the National Exhibition Centre Spring Fair, which in one year alone brought orders worth £50,000. It has also opened the doors to overseas markets.

But home sales also figure strongly on Dunelm's production schedules. Half the company output goes to the H. Samuel group of jewelry shops. Business has grown by up to 30 per cent a year.

A workforce of three has expanded to 10 and factory floorspace is about to double as Dunelm takes over an adjoining unit. Seven-days-a-week production has pushed output to 400 bottles and decanters, some of which can sell in the shops for as much as £80. Turnover last year was £250,000.

The three partners are quietly proud that what has so far been achieved has been by using their own money, and with no cash help other than an 18-month rent-free boost from the council.

John Wilson reckons that because of Wearside's glassmaking tradition there are some half-dozen local companies operating in the same business. "So, yes, it's competitive", he explains. "However, we have gone for the top end of the market and it's been a decision that has been proved right. Everything is top quality. It's a gift market and the top end of the market is always going to be there."

Emphasis, therefore, extends to quality packaging and includes such touches as a certificate of craftsmanship, signed personally by the man who made the product. There are also brief notes about each ship from a line-up including such famous titles as the Golden Hind, the Mayflower and the Mary Rose.

● *Contact: Dunelm Glass Sculptures, Unit 9, Glaholm Road, Avon Industrial Estate, Hendon, Sunderland SR1 2NX. Telephone: (091) 514 0979.*

More and more go it alone

Big increases in the number of jobs likely to be created by small businesses, and in the total of self-employed people, have been predicted in a study by the Manpower Services Commission, *writes Brian Collett.*

The latest *Labour Market Quarterly Report*, drawing on several independent surveys, as well as the commission's own research, forecasts small businesses will have generated 700,000 new jobs between 1985 and 1990.

Most of the jobs are expected to be for professional and managerial staff and part-time women workers.

The self-employed total, says the report, is likely to have grown by more than half a million between 1986 and 1995, thanks in large measure to the need for business and financial advisers.

The predicted increase in the army of consultants in business services is 160,000 over the nine years. Construction will account for 150,000 self-employed, says the report, and another miscellaneous 240,000 will be in hairdressing, dry-cleaning, sport and recreation, entertainment, research and development, broadcasting and transport.

At the same time, the distribution and hotel industries are predicted to lose 20,000 self-employed.

The most recent Employment Department figures show that between June 1979 and December last year the total jumped by just over a million to 2,863,000.

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BRIEFING

■ The Government's small firms service set up in 1972 and latterly run by the Department of Employment is coming under the microscope to decide how it should be developed now that so many other advisory and counselling facilities are available. The market researchers, Makrotest, will help with the study ordered by Mr John Cope, the small firms minister at the department, who is keen that the service should build on its "excellent reputation."

■ Three booklets aimed at encouraging graduates to consider careers in small business have been put out by the Department of Employment. One explains the career options, another briefs career advisers and the third encourages owner managers to consider graduate employees.

Sky-high prices likely for airport site

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

A 105-acre site which is coming up for sale just a mile from Heathrow Airport is so important that the agents, Jones Lang Wootton, cannot even suggest a guide price.

The site, to be sold at auction on July 5, is described by Christopher Drury, JLW's leading auctioneer, as "the most important and exciting lot to come to auction for many years. With frontages of one mile on to four major roads, including the A4, and with the M4 less than a mile away, the site is of international significance, with great potential.

Sand and gravel deposits, totalling three million tonnes and worth millions of pounds, are present and the location is likely to interest property investors, developers and companies worldwide. Although the land is almost totally undeveloped, annual income, approaching £100,000, is expected after current rent reviews. The land is being sold by an investment trust, and Mr Drury commented, "it could be totally misleading to attempt to suggest a guide price."

■ Jones Lang Wootton, the UK's largest firm of chartered surveyors, have also announced a new joint venture with the residential agents W.A.Ellis. A new company, to be known as JLW and WAE Residential Ltd, will provide Jones Lang Wootton's international clients with comprehensive agency support in all aspects of the residential property development market in London.

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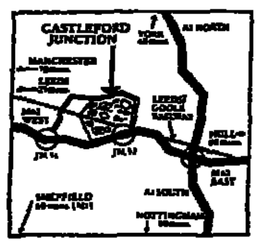

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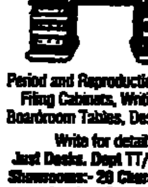

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

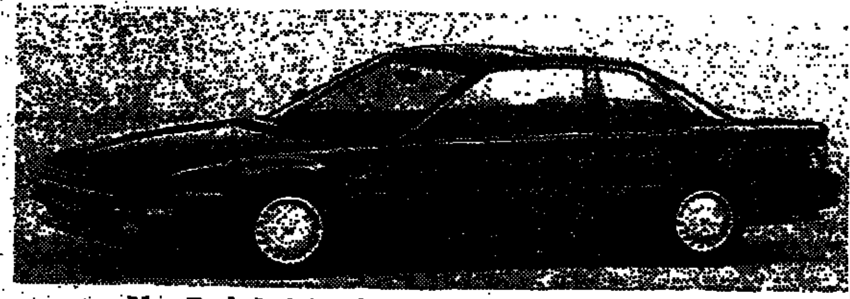
Four-wheel steering: the great debate

My friend was blunt and to the point. "Four-wheel steering! That's the car makers' latest gimmick to persuade me that my present car is out of date. Costs a bomb but I suppose you motoring writers are saying it is the best thing since sliced bread."

He got the bit about the cost right. It puts something like £2,000 on the retail purchase price. But he couldn't have been more wrong about the motoring writers. A straw poll among colleagues at recent new car launches found them sharply divided. The pro-4WS camp were convinced that it brought a new dimension to driving and as it became popular the price would fall.

The opposition was itself divided. There were those who insisted that it was another way of making a poor chassis better and provided nothing that could not be found at far less cost on the better chassis. There were also those who condemned it out of hand as a gimmick.

Where does that leave me? Right in the middle! There are only two makes of 4WS cars on sale in Britain at present — the Honda Prelude 4WS 2.0i-16 — and the Mazda 626 2.0i GT. After one week driving the Prelude, I am not convinced. The Mazda has a different system and in all fairness to the principle of 4WS I shall reserve judgement until I test the Mazda



New Prelude 2.0i-16: takes some time to feel at ease

The remarkable manoeuvrability of the Honda takes you by surprise. Turning into a side street at slow speed points the rear wheels in the opposite direction to the front wheels. The effect is alarming to say the least. The car changes direction almost instantaneously, cutting the corner by a considerable amount. A momentary lapse in concentration means you clout the kerb.

By the end of the week I was feeling more comfortable and actually enjoying the handling in confined spaces. I cannot say the same about it on the motorway. The steering seems somehow a little vague.

The whole business is controlled by the amount of steer angle applied to the front. At high speeds the steering wheel is turned frequently but only minutely. Under these conditions the rear wheels turn in the same direction as the front. The opposite takes place during slow speeds.

Vital statistics

Model: Honda Prelude 2.0i-16 4WS.
Price: £14,100
Engine: 1958cc injected 16 valve
Performance: 0-62mph 8 seconds, maximum speed 132mph.
Official consumption: Urban 25mph-56mph 42.8mpg and 75mph 33.6mpg.
Length: 14.6feet
Insurance: Group 7.

Vauxhall makes 'hot hatch' bid

Vauxhall is making a bid for the "hot hatch" market with a faster version of its already very swift Astra GTE.

Powered by a four-valves per cylinder version of the two-litre injected engine in the existing GTE, it accelerates to 62mph in 7.7 seconds compared with 8.6 seconds and reaches 136mph compared with 126mph. That makes it the fastest "hot hatch" on both counts, beating rivals like the VW Golf GTI 16 (8.5 seconds and 129mph) and the Peugeot 309 GTI (8 and 128 mph).

At £11,776 it undercuts the Golf (£12,298) but is over £500 more than the Escort RS Turbo and nearly £1,500 more than the Peugeot.

The suspension has been lowered and stiffened. Two rear anti-roll bars are fitted and the front bar enlarged. To cope with the extra power there is a new clutch and gearbox. The ventilated front disc brakes are now complimented by discs at the rear and the rack and pinion steering has been revived.

A brief drive was sufficient to establish the newcomer's credentials as one of the most exciting production cars on sale today.

Porsche's sneak preview

Porsche has taken the unusual step of issuing this photograph of a new model which will not be launched until next winter and will not reach Britain before the summer of 1989.

It has done so to put an end to Press conjecture about its future plans for the rear-engined 911 which many regard as the classic Porsche.

Code-named "964" it is in fact a four-wheel drive 911 which Stuttgart says will be called the 911 Carrera 4. However it insists that the existing rear-drive/rear-engine 911 Carrera will continue.

The news will be greeted with mixed feelings by 911 drivers who pride themselves on their ability to cope with its rather quirky handling. 4WD should make it stable enough for the likes of you and me — and still be an exhilarating drive.

Ford exclusivity costs a little extra

Exclusivity comes expensive. Would-be owners of the new all-white Ford Escort Cabriolet just going on sale will have to pay £14,439 for the privilege of being one of only 150 — the ceiling Ford have set for production. The standard Cabriolet costs £11,301.

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YACHTING DIARY

NUS walk out on Cup challenger

By Barry Pickthall

Everyone, it seems, is fighting to get in on the America's Cup act. As lawyers for New Zealand and San Diego prepare to slug it out over the monohull/multihull issue in the New York Supreme Court on May 25, and Peter de Savary says he will persist with plans to build a British 65-foot foil-borne challenger, yesterday saw the National Union of Seamen take centre stage.

Members of the British union walked off the P and O container ship, Discovery Bay, in Auckland out of sympathy for their brethren at Dover, just as it was about to up-anchor for California, carrying New Zealand's K-boat cup challenger.

Ironically, the ship is about to fall under the wing of the French CGM line, which will be forced to take responsibility for the shipment, going against the grain of that nation's sailors who have taken a strong stand in supporting the San Diego multihull defence.

The story does not end there. For when the ship eventually docks at Longbeach, the American wharfies have pledged to unload the New Zealand yacht free of charge in protest at the defending club's decision to change the Cup venue from their own waters back to San Diego.

Meanwhile, in New York, our own legal adviser reports that the appeal judges cannot wait for challenger or defender to dispute the findings of Judge Cirparick (who will hear the case in the Supreme Court) so that they too can share the limelight!

● If any among America's legal profession want a foretaste of what America's Cup racing in monster monohulls will be like, they have only to visit Corpus Christie in Texas this week, to watch the scaled-down antics of four Ultimate 30 crews as they work towards the $50,000 winner-takes-all Ultimate Yacht Race on Sunday.

For sheer spectacle, the Rob Humphreys-designed Flyer takes some beating, having capsized twice in three days. Upwind, this "anything-goes" design, which is similar in concept to New Zealand's K-Boat cup challenger, has proved it can hang in with the rest. It is downwind that the problems start.

Racing for a paltry $5,000 on Monday, Marcus Hutchinson, a crewman who survived Flyer's first capsize without even getting his docksiders wet, reports that the size of their biggest spinnaker frightened the opposition as much as themselves.

By the time they had reached the leeward turning mark, they were well in front, having taken two minutes and a half out of the leading American boat, skippered by John Kolius; but then there was a terminal "bang" when part of the rigging exploded.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Barclays League
First division

Luton v Nottingham F (7.45) ....

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.0): Notts County v Preston; Port Vale v Oldham.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Queen's Park Rangers v Arsenal (2.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Welsh women's national two wood singles championship (at Penarth); Greenall, Whitley *Bowlers World* open (at Alexandra Hotel, St Helens, 7.0).

DARTS: Inter-counties championship (at Butlin's Holiday Centre, Pwllheli).

EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor horse show.

GOLF: Brabazon Trophy (at Saunton).

SNOOKER: Rothmans Matchroom League: Steve Davis v Joe Johnson (at Brighton).

SPEEDWAY: Knockout Cup: Second round: Peterborough v Rye House; Glasgow v Berwick, Hackney v Poole. National League: Edinburgh v Middlesbrough.

TENNIS: Lee-on-Solent masters.

YACHTING: Royal Lymington Cup.

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow).

FOOTBALL: ITV 9.55-10 p.m.: FA Cup final preview.

RACING: BBC2 2.35 p.m.: 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Newbury.

100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS: BBC2 2.20-2.25 p.m.: Sir Gordon Richards in the 1953 Derby.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

BRITISH OPEN WILD WATER CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS: Set on the edge of the Snowdonia national park above Bala lake in Gwynedd, north Wales, the championships take place on the river Tryweryn. River flow is controlled by the Llyn Celyn dam, creating wild water conditions on the four-and-a-half mile course and competitors face rapids graded in severity with inviting names like the Graveyard and Mill Falls as they descend.

Alan Tordoff, from Congleton, Cheshire, at 20 years already British national ranking champion, is the fastest Briton and defends the open title he won for the first time last season in the men's singles kayak. Top Briton in the women's kayak is Gill Berrow, from Edinburgh. The 31-year-old returned to the sport last year after having a baby and won the British championship. In the Canadian section, where paddlers kneel instead of sit, Teddington's Steve Wells seeks to retain first place.

How to get there: National Wild Water Centre, River Tryweryn, Bala, Gwynedd (Tel. 0678-520826) is situated between Llangollen and Dolgellau. From the A5, aim for Bala (A494) and follow the signs to the centre (A4212). Parking is easy and admission is free. Heats start at 3 p.m. tomorrow with the main event at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday from below the Llyn Celyn reservoir.

RACING: CAUTHEN COLLECTS 61-1 TREBLE AT YORK

Majestic Moon Madness has Hardwicke objective

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

For the second-day running Pat Eddery stole the big-race riding honours at the York spring meeting when winning the Crowther's Yorkshire Cup for Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, on Moon Madness, the 1986 St Leger winner.

It was a performance of intimate polish and charm by both horse and rider. For most of the 1¾-mile journey Eddery was sitting motionless on the 6-5 favourite and the pair cruised past the hard-ridden Lake Erie a furlong from home to win by 1½ lengths.

"That was no problem," said Eddery. "Moon Madness felt very good indeed." It is also marvellous to see a five-year-old classic winner still in training and retaining all his zest and enthusiasm for the fray.

During his long, consistent and honourable career Moon Madness has collected 10 races and amassed £369,483 in prize-money.

Apart from the Leger and yesterday's group two race, his most notable successes have been achieved in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, the Geoffrey Freer Walmac International at Newbury and the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot.

"He may well go for the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot," said Tony Couch, John Dunlop's assistant trainer, "and after that I imagine it will be a similar programme to last year."

This sparkling victory will have acted as a tonic to Moon Madness's owner-breeder, who slipped and injured her back in a fall at Arundel in January. The Duchess will now be looking forward to watching yesterday's winner's half-brother Sheriff's Star attempt to establish himself as a Derby contender in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood next Wednesday.

The other pattern race, the Duke of York Stakes, resulted in a win for Robert Sangster and Barry Hills, when Handsome Sailor repeated last year's victory in the hands of the trainer's son, Michael.

This was another smooth performance. The eventual 5-1 winner was always travelling easily on the heels of Governor General before quickening for a half-length victory.

Handsome Sailor split a pastern at York as a three-year-old when trained by Michael Dickinson and was confined to his box for nearly three months. "He's a much stronger horse this year," said Sangster. "We might go for the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Ascot next. But his main objective will be the Vernons Sprint Cup at Haydock, which is now a group one."

Robert Armstrong, who scored with Iran Scam

Sangster then said that he might be two-handed at Epsom as the man, who has been Britain's leading owner five times in the past 11 years, attempts to win the Derby for the third time. "Vincent O'Brien wants to run Kris Kringle, last Saturday's Leopardstown winner, in the Gallinule Stakes at the Curragh nine days before the Derby before reaching a decision. But Glacial Storm is a definite runner, provided that the going is not firm." Wednesday's Mecca-Dante Stakes third is on offer a 16-1.

Other Derby news came from Guy Harwood who said that Undercut remains on target for the Predominate. "The horse is fine and only soft ground would prevent him from running at Goodwood."

Tom Jones confirmed that Al Mufti is also on song for the final classic trial on the Sussex course. And after winning the opening Glasgow Stakes with Atlaal Henry Cecil said that Carmelite House was now his only possible runner in the Derby. "He worked for the third time on Saturday. But only if he does something special in the next two weeks would we consider it." Sanquirico, who ran so disappointingly on Wednesday, will be an absentee. "He works well, but he just doesn't seem to have trained on," Cecil said.

Atlaal, Warren Place's winter dark horse for the Derby, is now improving with his racing. "He ran green again today, but he's very game," said Cecil. "He should make a group horse in due course."

The punters certainly had plenty to cheer about on a sunny afternoon. Steve Cauthen, successful on Atlaal, then went on to win the Norwest Holst Trophy on Iran Scam, the 7-2 favourite, and completed a near 61-1 treble when capturing the concluding Yorkshire Maiden Stakes on Dawn Success.

Remarkably, the heavily-backed victory of Iran Scam gave Robert Armstrong his first victory of the 1988 campaign.

York results

Going: good

2.0 (1m 2f 110yd) 1, **ATLAAL** (S Cauthen, 6-4 fav); 2, **National Service** (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, **Spring Creek Road** (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Cowley (4th), 13-2 Ghalthanfar (6th), 10 Borkaan, 16 Taftazani, 33 Autonomous (5th). 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 10l, 2l, ½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £10.20. CSF: £13.03. 2min 14.49sec. Following a stewards inquiry and an objection by the second to the winner, the placings remained unaltered.

2.35 (1m 1f) 1, **FOUZ** (Constance de Granwiliers, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, **Moores Metal** (Christine Von Krageneck, 8-1); 3, **Insad** (Ludovica Bruno, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Cashmere N Caviar (5th), 8 Prince Merandi (4th), 11 Susan Henchard, 12 Big Red, Wensleydalewarnor (6th), 20 Try Scorer, 33 Damart, 100 Snarry Hill, Mister Petard. 12 ran. NR: Fourttaincourt, Quaktar Flyer. 1½l, 2½l, ¾l, 3l, 4l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.60, £3.00. DF: £12.10. CSF: £25.13. Tricast: £140.95. 1min 56.73sec.

3.10 (7f) 1, **IRAN SCAM** (S Cauthen, 7-2 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, **Fag In Hand** (M Hills, 14-1); 3, **Persian Emperor** (A Culhane, 50-1); 4, **Book Collector** (G Carter, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Be My Bride, 9 Fortinbras, 11 Irgaim (5th), 12 Balliman, Cumbrian Waltzer, Master Palehouse (6th), 14 Real Princess, 16 Eradicate, Spanish Pine, 20 Tamarindo, Vivienda, Young Hal, 25 Amenable, 33 Gold Dust, 50 Payvashooz. 19 ran. 2l, nk, sh hd, 1½l, ¾l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £2.50, £14.60, £2.00. DF: £21.40. CSF: £54.10. Tricast: £203.02. 1min 27.52sec. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1, **MOON MADNESS** (Pat Eddery, 6-5 fav); 2, **Lake Erie** (W R Swinburn, 10-1); 3, **Daarkom** (B Raymond, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Alwasmi (4th), 11-2 Overdrive (5th), 10 Spruce Baby (6th), 33 Actinium, 50 Polemos. 8 ran. 1½l, 4l, ½l, 1½l, 5l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £10.90. CSF: £13.16. 3min 00.51sec.

4.10 (6f) 1, **HANDSOME SAILOR** (M Hills, 5-1); 2, **Governor General** (S Cauthen, 3-1 fav); 3, **Wantage Park** (R Cochrane, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dowsing (5th), 7-2 Sharp Reminder (4th), 11 Umbelata, 12 Prima Donna, 16 Whippet (6th), 20 Golden Garter, Dawns Delight, Kalorama, 33 Cragside, 50 Peatswood Shooter. 13 ran. ½l, 5l, 2½l, 1½l, ½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £5.20; £2.00, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £9.70. CSF: £21.47. 1min 12.73sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, **SHARBLASK** (P Cook, 11-4); 2, **Lady La Paz** (Kim Tinkler, 11-1); 3, **Riot Squad** (S Cauthen, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 El Rey (5th), 100-30 Domus (4th), 25 True Gent (6th). 6 ran. 3l, 5l, ½l, 2l, 30l. N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £2.70. DF: £14.30. CSF: £26.39. 1m 40.72sec.

5.15 (6f) 1, **DAWN SUCCESS** (S Cauthen, 9-2); 2, **Tenter Close** (K Darley, 9-2); 3, **Highland Park** (J Brown, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Lucky Buchan (5th), 5 Fecamp, 6 Electric Money (6th), 9 Sycophante, 10 Supreme Blues (4th), 20 Saturn Man. 9 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 4l, 3l, ½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.50, £6.80. DF: £11.20. CSF: £25.17. 1m 16.29sec.

Jackpot: £1,404.60
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Ludlow

Going: firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, **Burning** (P Scudamore, 4-7 fav); 2, **Career Bay** (G McCourt, 8-1); 3, **Friendly Fellow** (7-4). 6 ran. 4l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £5.20. CSF: £5.89.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, **Beaconside** (N Hawke, 4-1); 2, **Mr Fagin** (8-11 fav); 3, **Mandator** (11-4). 5 ran. 4l, 15l. J Brooks. Tote: £6.60; £2.20, £1.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.33.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, **Brandeen Breeze** (W McFarland, 50-1); 2, **Iama Princess** (14-1); 3, **Dunarunna** (33-1). Naskracker 8-11 fav. 19 ran. NR: Single Rose. 10l, sh hd. R Juckes. Tote: £43.50; £6.70, £2.90, £3.20. DF: £578.50. CSF: £593.60. No bid.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, **King Neon** (M Armytage, 8-11 fav); 2, **Poker Classic** (15-8); 3, **Rimfire** (12-1). 6 ran. 10l, 4l. G Cook. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.48.

4.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, **Bold In Combat** (R Dunwoody, 3-1); 2, **Mum's Girl** (9-2); 3, **French Habitat** (8-1). 9 ran. 6l, 8l. T Casey. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.30, £2.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £16.69. Tricast: £89.02.

4.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Kelly's Boy** (A Adams, 8-11 fav); 2, **Wild Argosy** (3-1); 3, **Forestdale** (3-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 25l. N Gaselee. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.21.

Placepot: £535.50

Successful appeal by Ives

Tony Ives is free to ride Sheriff's Star in next Wednesday's Predominate Stakes at Goodwood after the Jockey Club yesterday upheld his appeal against a seven-day ban for careless riding.

Ives was suspended at Salisbury last week after finishing fourth on Lady Rosanna in the Druids Graduation Stakes.

The local stewards felt that he could have prevented his mount colliding with Queen's Romance at the two furlong pole, but Ives claimed he was forced out when Last Shower, ridden by Steve Cauthen, edged right.

Ives, who was legally represented at the hour-long inquiry, was understandably delighted with the Jockey Club disciplinary committee's decision to quash the ban. He said afterwards: "I thought at the time it was a harsh decision, and I was always hopeful of getting off".

After watching video recordings of the race, and hearing evidence from Salisbury steward Michael Tory and Queen's Romance's jockey Lee Jones, the Jockey Club stewards ruled the interference was accidental and had not affected the result. Lady Rosanna, who was disqualified, was reinstated to fourth place.

Ives would have started his seven-day ban today had the appeal failed.

Glifahda wins at Longchamp

Polykratis (Billy Newnes) finished sixth and Chilibang (Willie Carson) dead-heated for eighth behind Glifahda in the £18,430 Prix de Saint-Georges (5 furlongs), at Longchamp yesterday.

Glifahda, who was the 9-10 favourite, won by threequarters of a length from Holst.

Hoad cleared

Sussex trainer Roger Hoad was cleared by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee yesterday of breaches of rules covering treatment of horses in training. The inquiry concerned a horse called Lucky Ivor, who has since left Hoad's stables and last ran for him at Sandown Park in January, 1985.

Wednesday's late results

Wincanton

Going: firm

7.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, **Lamere Bridge** (D Hood, 17-2); 2, **Lector** (10-11 fav); 3, **Fitzherbert** (7-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 10l. P Hobbs. Tote: £12.60; £2.30, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £5.90. CSF: £52.47. Tricast: £52.47. Objection to winner by second overruled.

8.0 (2m ch) 1, **Kescast** (G McCourt, 9-4); 2, **Prize Asset** (8-1); 3, **Media Leader** (50-1). Diamond Digger 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 2l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £3.00, £4.10. DF: £18.40. CSF: £18.95.

8.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, **Blockade** (Peter Hobbs, 6-5 Fav); 2, **Kentucky Coast** (9-4); 3, **Ha'penny Bridge** (10-1). 6 ran. 1l, 3l. R Barber. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.02.

Placepot: £43.80.

Worcester

Going: firm

7.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Santopadre** (S Humphries, 5-4 fav); 2, **Detroit Sam** (11-8); 3, **Tingle Bell** (11-2). 4 ran. ¾l, 12l. O O'Neill. Tote: £2.20; DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.22.

8.0 (2m ch) 1, **Yangtse-Kiang** (G Davies, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, **Nonstop** (9-2); 3, **Vinci** (12-1). Maranzi 2-1 jt-fav. 5 ran. NR: Iron Gray, Aldro. 4l, 8l. J M Bradley. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.59.

8.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Vi's Delight** (A Webb, 7-4 fav); 2, **Kessie-Bee** (15-8); 3, **Royal Battery** (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Atala. 8l, 3l. J Spearing. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £8.40. CSF: £5.49. Tricast: £10.84.

Placepot: £5.80.

POINT-TO-POINT

Hill suspended for rest of season after Cheltenham offence

By Brian Beel

Leading amateur Alan Hill was yesterday suspended from riding for the rest of the National Hunt season for causing deliberate interference during a race at Cheltenham on May 4.

Hill was banned for 23 days by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee following an inquiry into his riding of I Got Stung in the Audi Champion Hunters' Chase.

The ban, which starts today, means he will miss the ride on King Neon, who won at Ludlow yesterday, in the *Horse and Hound* Cup at Stratford.

Hill was reluctant to comment as he left Portman Square, but admitted he was "gutted."

He said: "The stewards obviously felt I'd committed an offence, but I think I've been hard done by. The sentence is very harsh."

I Got Stung, who was disqualified from third place after a stewards' inquiry, was found to have crossed the path of eventual winner Certain Light approaching the third-last fence.

The disciplinary Committee heard evidence from Hill, who was legally represented, Certain Light's rider, Paul Hacking, and representatives of the Cheltenham stewards.

Marcus Armytage will now come in for Hill's rides which enhances his prospects of landing the amateur riders' title from *Tim Thomson Jones*, who currently leads by two.

Hill's suspension was the only blight on what was a marvellous meeting at Cheltenham which attracted a crowd far larger than the average for that course outside the Festival itself.

Enhanced by the move from Sandown Park, three years ago, of the Audi Grand Prix de Chasse, this already popular fixture has seen a 50 per cent rise in attendance, drawn from every part of the country, to a figure well above 9,000.

Prior to the Heart Of All England, I eulogised about the Hexham setting but Cheltenham, on a warm spring evening, takes a lot of beating. In what order I do not know, but to the connections of Paddy Murphy they are the sixth and seventh heaven.

It is the lifetime ambition of point-to-point owners in the North to win "the Heart" and, although the Audi is only five years old, it has become one of the most prestigious races in the point-to-point calendar. Charles Sample and Paddy Murphy entered the record books by winning both these races, which are separated by only 11 days.

Credit for this feat must go to Paddy Murphy's handler, Geoff Coatsworth, who, from his small Northumbrian livery stable, also sent Bentom Boy and Tartevie to Cheltenham to finish first and third in the four-mile Audi After Sales Hunters Chase to complete an outstanding training success.

Despite the incident in the Audi Champion Hunters' Chase, Certain Light finished further ahead of Three Counties than he did in the Christie Foxhunters. He is a true champion and Jean Cambell's pin-fired 11-year-old gelding justifiably wears the mantle of top hunter chaser, 1988.

Certain Light is one of the few horses at the top who is not in the yard of a professional trainer and who has been confined to point-to-points and hunter chases for the last four years. Although, this year, he masked the requirements for a change in the conditions for the Foxhunters' I hope that the size of the crowd at the meeting will influence its coming.

The race in March drew only a handful of mainly professionally-trained horses taking advantage of the conditions. As already stated in this column, if to these was added one phrase, 'and must, at some time, have won an open point-to-point,' the credibility of the Cheltenham Foxhunters' would be restored as the premier chase for hunters.

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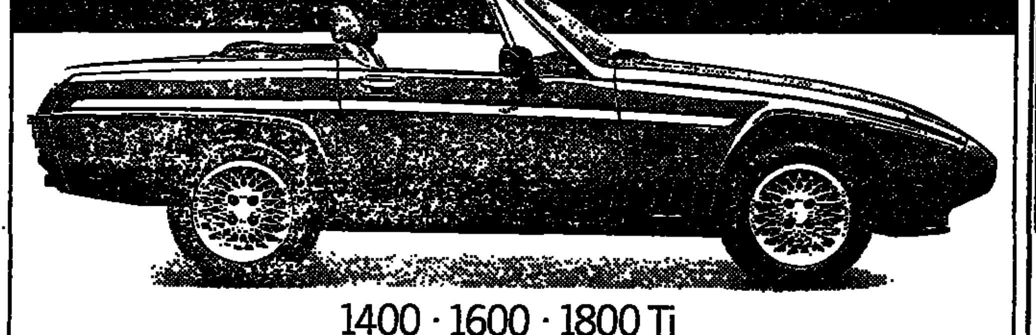

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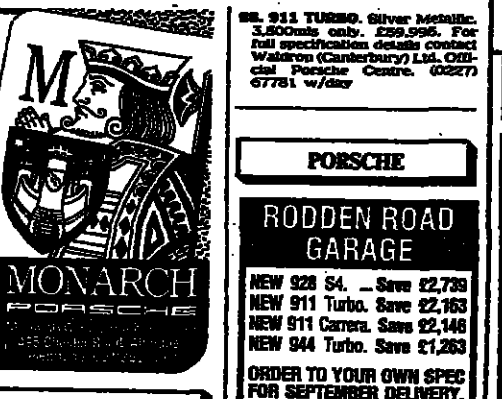

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Half A Year can return in style

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani and his stable jockey Ray Cochrane look the pair to follow today at Newbury where the proceeds from this sponsored programme go to the Animal Health Trust.

On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago they won the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes with Then Again. Now they look like capturing the same prize this time with Half A Year whom I spotted working well in Newmarket recently.

Last season, Half a Year took high rank when accounting for the crack French miler Soviet Star in the St James' Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Unfortunately, that was the last we saw of him because in winning he suffered a hairline fracture in a cannon bone. As a result he was confined to his box for six months.

Although it was not until January that he resumed normal training with the rest of Cumani string, Half A Year has not looked back since.

Of the other four runners only Broken Hearted has put up a performance comparable with Half A Year's defeat of Soviet Star. That was when he accounted for Saint Andrews and Trempolino at Deauville.

But as that, and all of Broken Hearted's other races were over 10 furlongs the feeling at Whatcombe remains that he could prove a little rusty on his seasonal debut over a mile.

In going for **Sudden Love** to complete a Cumani-Cochrane double by winning the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes I am flying in the face of advice from George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, who reports that Intimate Guest, from Henry Cecil's stable, went like a scolded cat in her latest important gallop following that rather unfortunate experience in the Pretty Polly Stakes.

As Diminuendo showed at York on Tuesday, we all know what his fillies are capable of when they hit form.

I cannot help wondering though whether even Intimate Guest will manage to give 6lb to Sudden Love, who ran so well first time out to finish a close third behind Ghariba and Diminuendo in the Nell Gwyn Stakes.

Being by Kris and out of a mare by Luthier, she is certainly bred to be much more effective over today's longer distance.

The same comment applies to the Queen's filly Highbrow, who is by Shirley Heights out of Highclere.

For the sporting minded, Alkharif (nap) is suggested as the day's best bet to win the Ultramar Handicap even though it is arguably the most open race on the cards.

I was impressed with the way that he won first time out at Bath. Significantly, Pat Eddery, who rode him that day, will be aboard him again, riding at his lightest because the weights have gone 5lb overnight.

Finally, that good run behind Perion in the Palace House Stakes points to Blues Indigo being capable of winning the Hue-Williams Stakes.

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BEVERLEY: 3.30 Lindi's Gold, Wisconsin, 4.0 Road Train, 4.30 Newsells Lady, 5.0 Scotch Imp. CARLISLE: 2.45 Cherry Chap, 4.15 Marina Grande.

Burning gives Pipe personal best total of 107 winners

Martin Pipe: chasing Dickinson's record

Martin Pipe, hoping to break Michael Dickinson's record of 120 winners, reached a personal best when his odds-on favourite Burning became his 107th winner this season in the Aston Munslow Novices' Hurdle at Ludlow yesterday.

Peter Scudamore, after leading in the early stages on Burning, jumped the French bred four-year-old, twice a winner on the Flat across the Channel, to the front again at the fourth flight and went on to beat Career Bay by four lengths.

Burning was running for the first time since his unsuccessful debut in this country at Taunton at the end of last December. "A low blood count has kept him off the course" said Pipe, who was so despondent about his horses two months ago that he offered his private handicapper Roy Hawkins 50-1 against the stable reaching a 100 winners this season.

Beaconside beat 13-8 on favourite Mr Fagin in the Butttercross Novices' Chase to give Bideford trainer John Brooks his first winner for nearly six years.

Hawke, who began his career as an amateur rider with Josh Gifford and is now attached to David Barons's stable, recalled that it was Brooks who gave him his first winner, Barton Sauce, in the point-to-point field at Devon and Exeter. He has ridden 11 winners under Rules, all since Christmas.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.10 Meralto.
2.40 ALKHARIF (nap).
3.10 Half A Year.
3.40 Sudden Love.
4.10 Blues Indigo.
4.40 Mountain Bluebird.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.10 Gran Dominion.
2.40 Staten Island.
3.10 Half A Year.
3.40 INTIMATE GUEST (nap).
4.10 Peace Girl.
4.40 Waki Rainbow.

By Michael Seely
3.10 Half A Year. 3.40 INTIMATE GUEST (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 SUDDEN LOVE.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: no advantage**

2.10 TRENCHERWOOD SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,750: 5f) (11 runners)

102 (4) 0 DANSON PARK 4 (R Graham) N Gaselee 8-12 .... S Whitworth —
104 (8) 03 FIGHT AGAIN 3 (J Lazzari) R Hannon 8-12 .... B Rouse ● 99
105 (6) 02 GRAN DOMINION 21 (Miss M Saigal) W Musson 8-12 .... B Raymond 90
107 (3) 0 IMPERIAL BOY 35 (H Smith) P Cundell 8-12 .... P Cook —
108 (11) 3 PRIME SAINT 6 (M Channon) J Baker 8-12 .... A McGlone 76
109 (9) 0 STOKE PERO 38 (A Newcombe) C Hill 8-12 .... N Adams —
111 (7) 40 ALPHA LADY 6 (P Cundell) P Cundell 8-7 .... Paul Eddery 85
114 (2) 00 GRATCLO 6 (A Newcombe) C Hill 8-7 .... P D'Arcy 98
115 (10) 0 MERALTO 10 (Mrs E Wade) P Rohan 8-7 .... Pat Eddery 92
117 (5) 00 MISS TENDERLY 25 (BF) (C Holland) Mrs J Reavey 8-7 .... D McKay 81
119 (1) SHELBERRY (Mrs J Shelton) J Berry 8-7 .... R Cochrane —

BETTING: 5-2 Meralto, 3-1 Gran Dominion, 9-2 Shelberry, 6-1 Fight Again, Prime Saint, 8-1 Miss Tenderly, 10-1 Alpha Lady, 12-1 Gratclo, 20-1 others.

1987: IRISH SAFARI 8-6 W Ryan (10-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 11 ran

FORM DANSON PARK (9-0) about 11l 8th to Sovereign Fleet (9-0) at Windsor (5f sell, £1986, good to soft, May 9, 12 ran).

FIGHT AGAIN (8-8) 3l 3rd to Merry Mannequin (7-7) at Chepstow (5f claim, £1061, good, May 10, 7 ran).

GRAN DOMINION (8-11) a length 2nd to Bold Gamble (8-11) at Beverley (5f sell, £1033, good, Apr 22, 18 ran).

PRIME SAINT (8-11) 6l 3rd to Mia Scintilla (8-8) at Bath (5f sell, £878, good, May 7, 7 ran).

MISS TENDERLY (8-8) just over 5l 8th to Wasn't Me (8-8) at Nottingham (5f sell, £1243, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran).

SHELBERRY (Foaled Apr 14, cost 3600gns) is a half-sister useful sprinter Bri-Eden.

Selection: GRAN DOMINION

2.40 ULTRAMAR HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,347: 1m 5f) (13 runners) BBC 2

202 (4) 1000-10 PREDESTINE 24 (S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-7 .... M Day 97
203 (5) 0221- BLIND FAITH 234 (G) (P Newton) M Stoute 9-5 .... W R Swinburn 84
204 (1) 21-03 VAYRUA 10 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-4 .... M Hills 98
206 (3) 01-32 LE MIEL 28 (S) (Maverick Productions Ltd) I Balding 9-2 .... T Ives 90
207 (6) 22343-4 SCHROT HANDLER 41 (S) (D Gallyer) R Hannon 8-11 .... B Rouse 84
208 (2) 1-002 PROPERO 13 (S) (A Foustok) R Boss 8-10 .... M Roberts 98
209 (7) 12 PER QUOD 20 (S) (H McKnight) B Hanbury 8-10 .... B Raymond 91
211 (13) 444-12 NAHASH 9 (D,S) (Sheikh A Al-Thani) M Blanshard 8-7 .... N Adams ● 99
212 (8) 2020-44 NIKITAS 20 (Mrs P Liddiard) M Francis 8-6 .... Paul Eddery 98
214 (10) 000-111 STATEN ISLAND 11 (D,F,G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-4 (5ex) .... W Carson 96
215 (11) 0080-1 ALKHARIF 17 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-2 .... Pat Eddery 89
216 (12) 1112-0 BOULEVARD GIRL 13 (F,G,S) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-2 .... P Cook 89
218 (9) 03044-0 STEP TO STARDOM 34 (BF) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 7-12 .... M L Thomas 98

BETTING: 7-2 Alkharif, 9-2 Vayrua, 5-1 Staten Island, 7-1 Per Quod, 8-1 Propero, Blind Faith, 10-1 Le Miel, 12-1 Nikitas, Schrot Handler, 16-1 others.

1987: PRIMITIVE RISING 9-1 S Cauthen (5-2 fav) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM PREDESTINE (9-4) best effort a 12l defeat of Pleasure Dancer (7-12) at Kempton (1m 2f h'cap, £3032, soft, Apr 2, 17 ran) with SCHROT HANDLER (9-1) 6l 4th.

VAYRUA (8-11) 5l 3rd to Unfuwain (8-11) at Chester (1m 4f 65yd, £24165, soft, May 3, 4 ran).

LE MIEL (9-2) ½l 2nd to Kneller (9-2) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £3105, good to firm, Apr 15, 8 ran).

PROPERO (9-4) ½l 2nd to Darweesh (9-2) at Haydock (1m 2f, £4097, good, Apr 30, 5 ran).

NAHASH (9-3) a short head 2nd to Vintage (8-10) at Salisbury (1m 2f h'cap, £3179, good to soft, May 4, 14 ran).

STATEN ISLAND (8-6) made all to beat Valley Of Danuata (9-7) ½l at Kempton (1m 2f h'cap, £2871, good, May 2, 17 ran).

ALKHARIF (9-0) beat Welsh Guide (9-0) a neck at Bath (1m 3f 150yd, £1308, good to firm, Apr 26, 12 ran).

Selection: NAHASH

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C Brittain	12	88	13.6	W Swinburn	17	117	14.5
L Cumani	4	31	12.9	T Ives	13	96	13.5
B Hills	13	120	10.8	W Carson	24	193	12.4

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3.10 JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group II: £33,426: 1m) (5 runners) BBC 2

301 (3) 2/11110- BROKEN HEARTED 250 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-4 .... T Quinn 97
302 (5) 111- HALF A YEAR 332 (D,F,G) (M Mabee) L Cumani 4-9-4 .... R Cochrane ● 99
303 (4) 00201-0 PATRIACH 30 (D,F,G,S) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 6-9-4 .... W Carson 87
305 (2) 1110-01 PRINCE RUPERT 13 (D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-1 .... M Hills 88
306 (1) 213121- WAAJIB 222 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 5-9-1 .... M Roberts 98

BETTING: 4-5 Half A Year, 5-2 Waajib, 7-2 Broken Hearted, 16-1 Prince Rupert, 25-1 Patriach.

1987: THEN AGAIN 4-9-4 R Cochrane (9-2) L Cumani 9 ran

FORM BROKEN HEARTED (8-9) best effort 1½l victory over Saint Andrews (9-5) at Deauville (1m 2f Group II, £28317, good, Aug 15, 7 ran).

HALF A YEAR (9-0) beat Soviet Star (9-0) 1l at Ascot (1m Group II, £41587, June 16, 5 ran).

PATRIARCH (8-11) best effort 4l victory over Melbury Lad (8-11) at Rome (1m Group II, £21574, heavy, Nov 15, 10 ran).

PRINCE RUPERT (9-7) beat Kalorama (9-0) 4l at Haydock (7f List, £12077, good, April 30, 9 ran).

WAAJIB (9-0) beat Shaikiya (8-8) a head at Longchamp (1m Group III, £24872, good to firm, Oct 4, 9 ran).

Selection: HALF A YEAR

3.40 SIR CHARLES CLORE MEMORIAL STAKES (3-Y-O: fillies: £10,047: 1m 2f) (9 runners) BBC 2

401 (5) 1211-12 INTIMATE GUEST 15 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs V Hue-Williams) H Cecil 9-1 .... S Cauthen 91
404 (6) 21- HIGHBROW 211 (S) (The Queen) W Hern 8-9 .... W Carson 84
406 (9) 1 MILD INTRIGUE 21 (D,S) (Mrs S Rogers) J Dunlop 8-9 .... Pat Eddery 89
409 (7) 10-01 SET PATTERN 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-9 .... T Ives 86
410 (8) 41- SHIRLEY SUPERSTAR 246 (F) (H Springfield Ltd) M Stoute 8-9 .... W R Swinburn 80
411 (4) 21-3 SUDDEN LOVE 31 (G) (Princess L Ruspoli) L Cumani 8-9 .... R Cochrane ● 99
412 (1) 00-22 GOLDEN MACHINE 23 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-6 .... M Roberts 69
413 (3) 03-4 SERENE MONARCH 15 (R Popely) P Kelleway 8-6 .... J Reid 83
414 (2) 2230-3 TIMELY 28 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-6 .... M Hills 97

BETTING: 11-4 Intimate Guest, 7-2 Mild Intrigue, 9-2 Sudden Love, 6-1 Timely, Highbrow.

1987: PERCY'S LASS 8-9 Paul Eddery (7-4 fav) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM INTIMATE GUEST (9-3) neck 2nd to La Vie En Primrose (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 2f List, £13112, good, April 27, 7 ran) with SERENE MONARCH (8-10) 4½l away in 4th.

HIGHBROW (8-9) beat Ile De Chypre (9-0) 4l at Newmarket (1m mdn, £4630, good to soft, Oct 15, 16 ran).

MILD INTRIGUE (8-7) beat Bahamian (8-7) a short head at Sandown (1m 2f mdn, £3735, good to soft, April 22, 18 ran).

SHIRLEY SUPERSTAR (8-11) beat HIGHBROW (8-11) a head at Salisbury (7f mdn, £2654, good to firm, Sept 10, 13 ran).

SUDDEN LOVE (8-9) 1½l 3rd to Gharibe (8-9) at Newmarket (7f Group III, £19557, good, April 12, 10 ran).

TIMELY (9-0) 2½l 3rd to Bluebook (9-0) at Newbury (7f 60y Group III, £19356, good, April 15, 7 ran).

Selection: SUDDEN LOVE

4.10 HUE WILLIAMS STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,087: 6f) (6 runners) BBC 2

501 (6) 1101- PEACE GIRL 307 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-2 .... Pat Eddery 89
503 (3) 302-030 GREAT CHADDINGTON 14 (G,S) (C Fry) J Berry 8-9 .... R Cochrane 92
504 (1) 2014-30 KRISFIELD 13 (S) (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-9 .... B Rouse 77
506 (5) 141113- POYLE GEORGE 252 (D,F,G,S) (C Wiggins) D Elsworth 8-9 .... S Cauthen 90
508 (4) 2-1 ANNACERAMIC 8 (G) (D Gill) R Whitaker 8-6 .... W R Swinburn 74
509 (2) 1210-02 BLUES INDIGO 13 (F,S) (B Rice) J Wharton 8-6 .... R Curant ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Blues Indigo, 11-4 Poyle George, 9-2 Peace Girl, 5-1 Great Chaddington.

1987: SHARP REMINDER 8-9 T Williams (4-1) D Laing 11 ran

FORM PEACE GIRL (8-11) beat Classic Ruler (8-10) ½l at The Curragh (5f Group III, £15425, good, July 11, 5 ran).

GREAT CHADDINGTON (8-3) best effort 2½l 3rd to Perion (9-7) at Haydock (5f List, £7017, heavy, April 2, 10 ran).

KRISFIELD (8-0) best effort 4l 3rd to Lonely Street (8-12) at Kempton (5f, £5800, soft, April 4, 9 ran).

POYLE GEORGE (9-7) best effort ¾l victory over Tender bay (8-11) at Salisbury (5f, £3153, good, Aug 27, 6 ran).

ANNACERAMIC (8-6) beat Pendine Sands (8-11) 1l at Thirsk (5f mdn, £2254, good, May 7, 26 ran).

BLUES INDIGO (7-11) 2½l 2nd to Perion (8-12) at Newmarket (5f Group III, good, April 30, 13 ran).

Selection: BLUES INDIGO

4.40 CITY GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: fillies: £3,840: 6f) (8 runners)

601 (8) 014 FINNAIR FINESSE 10 (S) (P Lancaster) M Haynes 9-0 .... R Fox ● 99
603 (5) 1 WAKI RAINBOW 27 (C,G) (Y Nasib) P Kelleway 9-0 .... J Reid 97
605 (3) ALSABIHA (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8 .... Pat Eddery —
606 (1) 4 BEAUTIFUL 39 (C Wright) D Laing 8-8 .... T Williams 73
607 (6) DONA KRISTA (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-8 .... B Rouse —
612 (4) MISS CHALK (Mrs G Lowe) M Blanshard 8-8 .... N Adams —
613 (2) MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (Lord Carnarvon) W Hern 8-8 .... W Carson —
614 (7) SEULMA (O Zawawi) M Francis 8-8 .... Paul Eddery —

BETTING: 2-1 Waki Rainbow, 11-4 Mountain Bluebird, 5-1 Alsabiha, 6-1 Finnair Finesse, 8-1 Beautiful.

1987: (5f) MOHIBBAH 8-8 T Quinn (11-8 fav) P Cole 4 ran

FORM BEAUTIFUL (8-11) 12½l 4th to Optaria (8-11) at Kempton (5f mdn, £1979, soft, Apr 4, 13 ran) with FINNAIR FINESSE (8-11) ½l 5th.

FINNAIR FINESSE (9-0) 6½l 4th to Mimining (8-6) at Chester (5f, £3168, soft, May 3, 7 ran).

WAKI RAINBOW (8-11) beat Full Of Sauce (8-11) ½l here (5f, £3350, good, Apr 16, 16 ran).

ALSABIHA (Foaled May 20, cost IR90,000gns) is a half-sister to 1m 1f Irish winner Krismar River.

DONA KRISTA (Foaled Apr 17) is a half-sister to 5f juvenile winner Krisfield.

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD (Foaled Feb 12) is a half-sister to winners here, Germany and in America.

Selection: FINNAIR FINESSE

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Tawny.
3.00 Timminion.
3.30 Burcroft.
4.00 Davadari.
4.30 Sharp Cookie.
5.00 Glory Gold.
5.30 Tribal Chieftain.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 —
3.00 Lovenko.
3.30 Dellwood Renown.
4.00 Davadari.
4.30 Naseeb.
5.00 —
5.30 Tribal Chieftain.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.30 LUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £939: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (7) CABLIN (B Valentine) K Stone 8-11 .... G Brown —
4 (1) 000 NORTHERN PRANCER 10 (G Russell) H Wharton 8-11 .... A Culhane (5) 98
6 (2) 0 TAXI FARE 13 (S Eaton) M Brittain 8-11 .... M Wigham 88
7 (6) EITHER EL DO (J Brown) J Berry 8-6 .... Dana Mellor (5) —
8 (3) 0 FOAMINATHEMOUTH 22 (J Isherwood) P Charlton 8-6 .... L Charnock —
11 (5) 0 MISCHIEVOUS TYKE 10 (A Smith) A Smith 8-6 .... S Webster —
12 (4) 0 PACIFIC WAVE 22 (Wensdale Constr Ltd) Ron Thompson 8-6 .... R P Elliott —
14 (8) 43 TAWNY 13 (E Buck) T Barron 8-6 .... D Nicholls ● 99

BETTING: 100-30 Tawny, 4-1 Northern Prancer, Taxi Fare, 6-1 Either El Do, 13-2 Mischievous Tyke, 8-1 Foaminathemouth, 10-1 Cablin, Pacific Wave.

1987: BLOXWICH BEAUTY 8-6 M Fry (5-1) G Moore 16 ran

3.0 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (£2,036: 2m) (13 runners)

2 (11) 10423-4 IMAGE OF WAR 13 (B,CD,F) (C Wilmot-Smith) P Blockley 4-9-10 .... S Webster 98
3 (5) 03023-8 GENNARO 27J (R Coleman) Denys Smith 4-9-7 .... D Nicholls 90
5 (7) 14046-0 MANDALAY PRINCE 13 (CD,F,G) (D Hunnisett) D Morley 4-9-5 .... Ray Guest 96
6 (10) 4401-20 PATH'S SISTER 24 (B,CD,G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 7-8-13 .... J Bleasdale 94
7 (12) 0/0- PETER MARTIN 28J (F) (F H Lee) F Lee 7-8-13 .... N Carlisle —
8 (3) 1022-00 FREE SKIP 13 (D,G) (H Norman) P Felgate 4-8-12 .... J Williams ● 99
10 (4) 00000-0 JACKDAW 28 (CD,F,S) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-8-3 .... A Culhane (5) 94
12 (13) 0000-00 LOVENKO 28 (D Jackson) H Collingridge 7-8-1 .... NON RUNNER —
14 (1) 03/000-0 IN CONTENTION 25 (J Goodman) Capt J Wilson 5-7-8 .... G Carter 93
15 (8) 000034/ TIMMINION 9J (F) (R Dawson) P Charlton 6-7-7 .... L Charnock 93
17 (6) 3/04000- RECORD FLIGHT 27J (F Crumpler) R Hodges 4-7-7 .... M Fry 89
19 (2) 0/0P0-40 QUEENS MAN 4 (H Bousfield) Mrs G Reveley 6-7-7 .... S Wood (5) 90
20 (9) 040000- UNO'S PET 16 (G) (C Wheeler) K Stone 4-7-7 .... G Bardwell (5) 92

Long handicap: Record Flight 7-2, Queens Man 7-0, Uno's Pet 7-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Image of War, 11-2 Free Skip, Mandalay Prince, 6-1 Path's Sister, 15-2 In Contention, 8-1 Gennaro, Jackdaw, 10-1 others.

1987: BUSTAMENTE 4-9-3 M Hills (5-1) 13 ran

3.30 RISBY HANDICAP (£2,180: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

3 (14) 03033-4 REGAL STEEL 8 (D,F,G,S) (Steel Plate) R Hollinshead 10-9-10 .... A Culhane (5) 88
4 (9) 0240-41 BURCROFT 7 (D,G,S) (R Lee) R Whitaker 4-9-10 (5ex) .... Dean McKeown 92
5 (12) 004-003 COMMON FARM 3 (CD,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-9-6 .... M Wigham 92
9 (3) 0100-00 LINDI'S GOLD 10 (B,G) (D Lamplough) S Muldoon 4-8-2 .... G Carter 92
13 (2) 0/016-32 MY DERYA 4 (B,BF,G,S) (Mrs H Akyuz) B McMahon 5-8-10 .... A Mackay ● 99
16 (1) 1000-0 WISCONSIN 23 (V,F,D) (N Fletcher) M Chapman 4-8-6 .... E Johnson 98
17 (6) 12310-0 DELLWOOD RENOWN 30 (D,F,G) (M Gadsby) W Holden 6-8-6 .... J Bleasdale 96
18 (8) 00-00 SAND CLIPPER 3 (Whiteoaks Racehorses Ltd) J Harris 3-8-6 .... NON RUNNER —
19 (7) 000-3 LIFE'S A LARK 41 (BF) (T Wilson) T Barron 3-8-4 .... S Webster 91
20 (10) 0000-04 ONE FOR THE POT 17 (Hambleton Racing) W Pearce 3-8-3 .... L Charnock 92
21 (5) 000/100 CHRISTMAS HOLLY 7 (BF,S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-8-3 .... A Proud 94
22 (13) 00042-0 PATIENT DREAMER 36 (Mrs S Palmer) H Collingridge 4-8-3 .... M Rimmer 98
23 (4) 030000- JUBILENT KING 224 (Mrs N Parks) S Bowring 3-8-2 .... S Wood (5) 87
24 (11) 000-040 PRETTY FLY 18 (F Davies) A Jones 6-7-7 .... P Hill 86

Long handicap: Pretty Fly 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Burcroft, 5-1 Patient Dreamer, 11-2 Regal Steel, 6-1 My Derya, 8-1 Common Farm, Life's A Lark, One For The Pot, 10-1 others.

1987: COMMON FARM 4-8-5 P Robinson (no price) M Brittain 10 ran

4.0 EVERINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £959: 1m 100yd) (16 runners)

1 (4) ANFIELD'S STAR (Mrs E O'Sullivan) M McCormack 4-9-6 .... S Horsfall —
3 (12) FRESH FROM VICTORY (P Deal) H Candy 4-9-6 .... W Newnes —
5 (9) 0 JAMES STAR 14 (G Bulmer) R Robinson 4-9-6 .... Dana Mellor (5) —
6 (11) 0 KING OF SAILORS (R Halling) R Thompson 4-9-6 .... P Bradwell —
7 (16) 0U LAPIAFFE 20 (Mrs B Cobden) R Hodges 4-9-6 .... M Fry —
8 (8) 00 MARINERS LAW 10 (Mrs J Hamilton) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-6 .... K Fallon (5) 82
16 (5) 00220-0 TURTUR-NI 23 (W Clark) H Fleming 4-9-3 .... M Wigham 77
19 (7) 3 DAVADARI 25 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-6 .... A Kimberley ● 99
20 (10) 03000-0 DESERT EMPEROR 21 (B) (A Saleh) F Durr 3-8-6 .... W Ryan 91
23 (13) JIMSDON (Oakdee Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 3-8-6 .... A Proud —
28 (6) 00-0 MAINWARING 24 (Lord H de Walden) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-6 .... G Carter 76
31 (2) 42- ST LOUIS BLUES 285 (M Shone) J Edwards 3-8-6 .... G Bardwell (5) 78
35 (3) BROKEN SILENCE (K Boot) J Glover 3-8-3 .... Dean McKeown —
37 (15) 0- CONCETTA 195 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 3-8-3 .... R Morse (5) —
42 (1) 0 GOMETRA 20 (S Fraser) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-3 .... B Crossley —
47 (14) 00-0 ROAD TRAIN 30 (V) (B Yeardley Cont Ltd) S Norton 3-8-3 .... R Hills —

BETTING: 5-4 Davadari, 5-2 St Louis Blues, 8-1 Concetta, Mainwaring, 10-1 Fresh From Victory, 12-1 Road Train, 14-1 others.

1987: (Div 1) RHAZALL 4-9-6 A Kimberley (15-8 jt fav) M Stoute 17 ran

4.30 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 5f) (20 runners)

1 (2) 00 BWANA 6 (P Savill) Mrs G Reveley 9-0 .... J Carr (5) —
4 (11) 0 FANTASY STREET 43 (E Kettenacker) I Matthews 9-0 .... P Gunn —
5 (18) 20 FINAL PASS 17 (R Morrison) J S Wilson 9-0 .... T Sprake (7) 90
6 (13) 0 JOYTOTHEWORLD 7 (B) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-0 .... S Keightley 91
7 (16) 0- MASTER ENGINEER 283 (Hyde Promotions) R Whitaker 9-0 .... Dean McKeown 81
8 (19) 0- MINIZENSPRINTER 387 (Minizen Ltd) M Brittain 9-0 .... A Bacon (7) —
9 (14) 0-0 NASEEB 21 (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 9-0 .... W Newnes —
10 (4) 000-00 NORTHERN PRINTER 16 (Oakdee Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 9-0 .... R Hills 82
12 (20) 0 R A EXPRESS 31 (R A Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 9-0 .... M Lynch (5) —
13 (8) 3400-4 SALADAN KNIGHT 6 (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 .... K Fallon (5) 90
17 (17) 0 CATALANI 17 (Mrs P Payne) W Jarvis 8-11 .... N Carlisle 90
18 (7) 00U0- CROFTHALL BLINDER 214 (A Raynes) D Wintle 8-11 .... N Crowther —
21 (9) 000 FINE A LEAU 16 (R Bowler) M Brittain 8-11 .... M Wigham 83
22 (15) 0- GIV US A SMACKER 298 (K Fitzmaurice) B McMahon 8-11 .... A Mackay —
24 (12) KISSAGRAM QUEEN (A Papotto) R Boss 8-11 .... G Carter —
25 (3) NEWSELLS LADY (B) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 8-11 .... A Shoults (3) —
26 (1) 00 OLD MOTHER SHIPTON 6 (P Daniels) J Etherington 8-11 .... M Wood —
28 (5) 0000-0 PENNY PLACE 6 (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-11 .... D Nicholls —
29 (10) 0-000 PICHON 6 (B Norman) E Alston 8-11 .... A Proud —
30 (6) 3-2 SHARP COOKIE 25 (Mrs M O'Shea) P Cole 8-11 .... G Baxter ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Sharp Cookie, 3-1 Final Pass, 5-1 Saladan Knight, 6-1 Catalani, Newsells Lady, 8-1 Master Engineer, 10-1 others.

1987: WANTAGE PARK 8-11 P Robinson (3-1 fav) M Ryan 17 ran

5.0 BESWICK HANDICAP (£2,148: 7f 100yd) (19 runners)

1 (6) 302000- SIGNORE ODONE 218 (C,F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 6-9-11 .... G Brown 90
2 (2) 00002-0 THE MAZALL 16 (F,G,S) (Mrs G Smith) Miss L Siddall 6-9-3 .... D Nicholls 92
3 (12) 00301-2 GROSSEN 20 (C,F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-9-3 .... L Charnock 93
5 (15) 000-234 RED RIVER BOY 9 (F,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-9-0 .... M Fry 93
6 (14) 020-241 DUCKINGTON 16 (CD,G) (Lady Murless) M H Easterby 4-8-11 .... A Culhane (5) 95
7 (18) 004121 GLORY GOLD 4 (G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-10 (7ex) .... M Wigham ● 99
8 (11) 0-3200 RUNNING FORTUNE 6 (Oakdee Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 3-8-9 .... R Hills 86
10 (16) 310320- MOWTHORPE 188 (F,G) (M Easterby) M W Easterby 3-8-8 .... A Kimberley 89
11 (4) 0-04 ACAPULCO 23 (G Morley) R Whitaker 3-8-7 .... Dean McKeown 81
12 (1) 3100-00 EBONY QUESTE 31 (F) (E Thomas) J Wharton 3-8-6 .... A Mackay 89
14 (19) 0000-00 WASMI 23 (M Shaw) R Bastiman 5-8-4 .... — —
15 (5) 4999-40 HEAVENLY HOOFER 17 (F,G) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 5-8-4 .... J Quinn (5) 91
16 (10) 0000-00 GREY RUM 8 (Mrs M Lewis) W Pearce 3-8-3 .... K Hodgson 90
19 (7) 00/00-22 MALEK 26 (C,F) (E Davies) Mrs B Waring 8-8-1 .... J Williams 92
20 (9) 000 FANCY FOOTWORK 20 (Whiteoaks Racehorses Ltd) J L Harris 3-8-0. R Morse (5) —
21 (8) 000000- ICHI BAN SON 27J (F) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 4-8-0 .... — —
22 (13) 0/0200-0 ELEVEN LIGHTS 17 (D Green) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-0 .... J Carr (5) 92
24 (3) 00-2203 SCOTCH IMP 7 (B,G) (T Broadley) D Chapman 4-7-11 .... A Proud 96
26 (17) 00-0100 JANE'S BRAVE BOY 16 (CD,G,S) (J Eddell) D Chapman 6-7-9 .... S Wood (5) 92

BETTING: 9-2 Grossen, 5-1 Glory Gold, 11-2 Malek, 6-1 Duckington, Scotch Imp, 8-1 Mowthorpe, 10-1 Running Fortune, The Mazall, 12-1 others.

1987: COUNTRY CARNIVAL 4-7-12 P Robinson (4-1) W Haigh 16 ran

5.30 EVERINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £959: 1m 100yd) (15 runners)

10 (2) 0-00 SPARE US ALL 10 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-9-6 .... J Curant —
12 (15) LADY LAX 571 (B Haggas) M Prescott 4-9-3 .... C Nutter —
13 (7) 0- RING MYSTERY 227 (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-9-3 .... J Quinn (5) —
14 (1) STATFOLD PAM 27J (C Gilman) B Morgan 5-9-3 .... J Williams —
21 (11) 2 ENEMY ACTION 39 (C Cyzer) S Norton 3-8-6 .... R Hills 97
22 (4) 04030-0 IVORDALE 21 (H Kay) M H Easterby 3-8-6 .... K Hodgson 97
24 (14) 0 JO VERDI 13 (Mrs D Ibbotson) Miss L Siddall 3-8-6 .... D Nicholls —
25 (9) KARAJAN (W Norton) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-6 .... B Crossley —
32 (12) 4-3 TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN 13 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-6 .... A Kimberley ● 99
34 (10) ANN'S GOLD (G Swordy) W Haigh 3-8-3 .... Dean McKeown —
38 (8) 0- DONALEE 189 (Kenton Utilities) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-3 .... K Fallon (5) —
39 (6) 0- FALL ABOUT 213 (P Player) W Jarvis 3-8-3 .... G Carter 87
43 (3) 000- JASMIN PATH 192 (J Hopper) H Fleming 3-8-3 .... M Wigham —
44 (5) 0-0 LULA BLAKE 18 (T Kinsey) R Peacock 3-8-3 .... S Wood (5) —
45 (13) 0 MYSTERIOUS LADY 41 (Mrs V Leary) W Elsey 3-8-3 .... L Charnock —

BETTING: 6-4 Tribal Chieftain, 9-4 Enemy Action, 5-1 Ivordale, 8-1 Fall About, Mysterious Lady, 10-1 Karajan, 12-1 others.

1987: (Div 2) BALTHUS 4-9-6 D McKeown (14-1) J Glover 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Cole	6	20	30.0	W Ryan	11	51	21.6
M Stoute	8	32	25.0	A Kimberley	3	14	21.4
A Bailey	4	20	20.0	R Morse	3	16	18.8
R Boss	4	21	19.0	G Carter	5	36	13.9
R Thompson	7	39	17.9	R Elliott	6	47	12.8
H Collingridge	3	22	13.6	G Baxter	4	32	12.5

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Belfort Gipsy. 2.45 Teresa Deevey. 3.15 Our Fan 3.45 Cranchester. 4.15 Marina Grande. 4.45 Overpower. 5.15 Sinclair Boy.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Fairfield Lad. 3.45 Ben's Birdie. 4.15 Sunset Express. 4.45 Pipicante. 5.15 Chronological.

Michael Seely's selection: 5.15 Identity Parade.

Going: good to soft Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

2.15 CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £824: 6f) (13 runners)

2 0 BALIBRAY J Berry 9-0 .... J Carroll 10
3 0 BELFORT GIPSY S Norton 9-0 .... J Lowe 3
6 0 CLASSIC SUITE R Whitaker 9-0 .... C Dwyer 1
7 0 CORNET J Watts 9-0 .... N Connorton 9
9 DRU RI'S BRU RI W Bentley 9-0 .... K Darley 12
11 0 GLASTONDALE F Lee 9-0 .... G Duffield 11
14 0 ISOBAR S Muldoon 9-0 .... J H Brown 8
16 0 KINEMATIC R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 7
27 TERBAY BOY C Tinkler 9-0 .... M Birch 6
30 240 AGAPAE N Tinkler 8-9 .... Kim Tinkler 4
34 FIRM POLICY P Daly 8-9 .... P Burke (7) 13
37 PLUMAGE T Fairhurst 8-9 .... M Beecroft 2
39 SOUTHEND SCALLYWAG G Moore 8-9 .... C Coates 5

3-1 Agapae, 7-2 Isobar, 9-2 Cornet, 6-1 Kinematic, 7-1 Balibray, 8-1 others.

2.45 ESK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,509: 6f) (15)

1 -333 FAIRFIELD LAD M Tompkins 9-7 .... G Duffield 3
4 0-03 ROSE SUNDAE M W Easterby 9-3 .... M Hindley 8
8 -000 DECOY EXPRESS E Alston 8-13 .... Dale Gibson (5) 12
9 1 TERESA DEEVEY (D) M H Easterby 8-13 .... M Birch 13
11 -000 CHERRY CHAP (B) D Chapman 8-13 .... N Connorton 14
12 0-00 SWISS BALL F Carr 8-11 .... S Morris 10
13 0-00 BRYDONNA C Tinkler 8-11 .... — 1
14 3-00 OUR KRYSTLE (D) D Moffatt 8-9 .... J Carroll 5
15 003- SHACKAMAR Miss M Bell 8-7 .... A Mercer 11
17 00-0 VARROCO E Weymes 8-6 .... K Darley 4
18 0-00 BEDROOM BALLISTA W Bentley 8-6 .... — 6
21 0211 BATCHWORTH DANCER (D) M Brittain 8-12 (7ex) .... A Munro (7) 7
24 00-0 AVANDAV F Lee 8-2 .... J Lowe 15
25 -030 STORM RUNNER P Charlton 8-1 .... P Burke (7) 2
27 0-00 TIGER TIGER M W Easterby 7-12 .... J Carter (5) 8

3-1 Batchworth Dancer, 4-1 Teresa Deevey, 5-1 Rose Sundae, 13-2 Fairfield Lad, 8-1 Shackamar, 9-1 Swiss Ball.

3.15 IRTHING SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £930: 5f) (8)

5 KELLY'S LAD M Brittain 8-11 .... A Munro (7) 2
8 4 OUR FAN J Berry 8-11 .... J Carroll 1
10 STILL DANCING N Tinkler 8-11 .... Kim Tinkler 3
12 FASHION PRINCESS Denys Smith 8-6 .... J Lowe 8
13 0 NORTHERN IMAGE Miss S Williamson 8-6 .... J Brown 5
15 00 PETONGS WEEYIN R Stubbs 8-6 .... P Burke (7) 6
16 0 PLAYGROUP GIRL T Barron 8-6 .... M Birch 4
20 4 SWEET DRAGON (BF) J Berry 8-6 .... K Darley 7

9-4 Our Fan, 11-4 Still Dancing, 4-1 Kelly's Lad, 5-1 Sweet Dragon, 6-1 others.

3.45 EDEN HANDICAP (£1,766: 1m 4f) (10)

1 -202 CRANCHETER J Etherington 4-9-10 .... K Darley 1
2 0-00 PRINCE ZAMARO (D) W Bentley 4-9-7. R Lappin (5) 10
4 0-20 GOLDEN FANCY O Brennan 11-9-3 .... S Perks 2
5 003- WHAT'S THE MATTER M Camacho 4-8-12 .... N Connorton 6
7 00-0 BEN'S BIRDIE (CD) M Tompkins 8-8-10 .... G Duffield 3
8 000/ CONTACT KELVIN N Bycroft 6-8-8 .... M Birch 4
9 03-0 RUSTIC TRACK (CD) Denys Smith 8-8-1 .... — 8
10 -000 ABC SUPERSTAR D Moffatt 8-8-0 .... J H Brown 7
11 33-0 MOSSBERRY FAIR W Haigh 7-7-9 .... P Burke (7) 9
12 04-0 NICOPHANA E Incisa 4-7-8 .... Kim Tinkler 5

5-2 Cranchester, 7-2 What's The Matter, 9-2 Golden Fancy, 6-1 Rustic Track, 7-1 Mossberry Fair, 8-1 others.

4.15 DERWENT CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,343: 1m) (16)

2 30-0 HEARD IT BEFORE R Hollinshead 9-5 .... S Perks 5
3 0-00 ALDRA BOND G Moore 9-0 .... C Coates 7
5 BROCK STREET BOY E Alston 9-0 .... Dale Gibson (5) 9
6 00 EDGED WEAPON S Norton 9-0 .... J Lowe 2
7 000- KONKREE R Fisher 9-0 .... C Dwyer 16
8 SUNSET EXPRESS M Jarvis 9-0 .... P Hutton (5) 11
10 0- ENCHANTING KATE C Booth 8-11 .... S Salmon 3
11 0 FEARLESS COLLEEN M H Easterby 8-11 .... M Birch 6
13 0 LA FESTA C Elsey 8-11 .... N Connorton 15
14 00 LITTLE PICKSIE C Booth 8-11 .... P Burke (7) 8
17 STRONG LANGUAGE M Prescott 8-11 .... G Duffield 4
23 0-00 IL PADRINO UNO J Haldane 8-9 .... K Darley 13
26 0-00 GEEBEEAITCH W Bentley 8-7 .... A Mercer 10
27 -434 BUZZARDS MAID (B) A D Brown 8-5 .... J Brown 1
28 0-0 SIR TANGS GIFT J Berry 8-3 .... J Carroll 12
30 2024 MARINA GRANDE (B,BF) T Barron 8-1 .... — 14

3-1 Marina Grande, 7-2 Hear It Before, 5-1 Edged Weapon, 6-1 Buzzards Maid, 13-2 La Festa, 7-1 Sir Tangs Gift.

4.45 EAMONT HANDICAP (£2,085: 1m) (16)

1 20-0 BOMMING AROUND Mrs G Reveley 4-9-13 .... J Lowe 13
2 31-0 PIPICANTE (D) W Jarvis 4-8-13 .... M Tebbutt (7) 6
4 0-01 FOOT PATROL (D) E Incisa 7-9-6 .... Kim Tinkler 8
6 3004 MISS EMILY (D) D Chapman 4-9-4 .... K Darley 14
8 0-02 OVERPOWER (D) J Watts 4-9-2 .... A Mercer 3
9 020- BARNABY BENZ M H Easterby 4-8-13 .... M Birch 15
15 -000 OPTIMISM FLAMED (D) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-6 .... N Connorton 4
16 00-0 GAMESHOW J Alston 4-8-5 .... G Duffield 10
20 400- BLAZE OF GOLD E Alston 4-8-1 .... J Carroll 16
28 00-0 BRITWYDD M James 5-7-7 .... M Fozzard 9
29 00/0 AVRAEAS (D) D Moffatt 9-7-7 .... P Burke (7) 11
30 0-40 MASTER-BLOW J Haldane 9-7-7 .... Dale Gibson (5) 5
31 300- BELLEPHERON W Storey 5-7-7 .... G Hind (7) 7
32 /000 MIGHTY SUPREMO N Tinkler 7-7-7 .... Julie Bowker (7) 1
36 000- PRICEOFLOVE (C) D Moffatt 8-7-7 .... P Dalton (7) 2
38 /0-0 GREY CARD M Ellerby 7-7-7 .... J Birch (7) 12

4-1 Overpower, 5-1 Foot Patrol, 11-2 Pipicante, 6-1 Blaze of Gold, Bomming Around, Miss Emily, 8-1 Barnaby Benz.

5.15 CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £824: 6f) (13)

1 4 AUTO BENZ M H Easterby 9-0 .... M Birch 12
4 CAPITAL BUILDER G Moore 9-0 .... C Coates 13
5 0 CHRONOLOGICAL M Tompkins 9-0 .... N Connorton 3
10 0 FULL OF PRAISE S Norton 9-0 .... J Lowe 9
13 IDENTITY PARADE M Prescott 9-0 .... G Duffield 8
19 PIPER TAMSON Miss M Bell 9-0 .... A Mercer 5
20 POLAR REGION S Muldoon 9-0 .... J Brown 2
21 PREPOLLO E Weymes 9-0 .... C Dwyer 10
22 SAFETY BLADE C Tinkler 9-0 .... K Darley 4
23 3 SINCLAIR BOY R Hollinshead 9-0 .... S Perks 1
24 STONEGATE COTTAGE M Brittain 9-0 .... A Munro (7) 11
29 WILD ABANDON C Tinkler 9-0 .... J Carroll 6
33 00 DAISY LADY Miss S Williamson 8-9 .... P Burke (7) 7

3-1 Sinclair Boy, 7-2 Auto Benz, 5-1 Safety Blade, 11-2 Stonegate Cottage, 6-1 Chronological, 13-2 Identity Parade.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%; C Tinkler, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M H Easterby, 6 from 33, 18.2%; S Norton, 7 from 48, 14.6%; J Watts, 5 from 38, 13.2%; G Moore, 5 from 47, 10.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Birch, 7 winners from 48 rides, 14.6%; N Connorton, 6 from 50, 12.0%; G Duffield, 7 from 62, 11.3%; J Lowe, 8 from 82, 9.8%. (Only qualifiers).

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin
6.0 Johnny Rose. 6.30 Discain Boy. 7.0 The Argonaut. 7.30 Petite Mirage. 8.0 Any Business. 8.30 Our Tilly.

Brian Beel's selection: 7.30 Ballyannan Wood.

Going: firm

6.0 OSHILL NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (11)

3 1341 FLUTTER MONEY 6 (D,G,S) A Hicks 11-10 .... I Lawrence (7)
9 40 FALSIDE 247 J Douglas-Home 10-10 .... J White
12 304 JOHNNY ROSE 15 R Akehurst 10-10 .... S Smith Eccles
14 P04P NEARLY GREAT 39 (B) F Walwyn 10-10 .... S Shilston
15 0242 NORTHERN BARRY 28 (B) Mrs M Rimell 10-10 D Browne
16 0000 PARKERS JOY 15 Miss S Wilton 10-10 .... S Davies (7)
22 0002 HAIL A CAB 7 R Brazington 10-5 .... R Beggan
23 4000 IJAZAH 198 R Curtis 10-5 .... R Goldstein
24 P00 LOST MOMENT 14 S Harris 10-5 .... C Mann
25 00P RABDANNA 37 L Codd 10-5 .... M Richards
27 PU STRELLILANE 18 D Ringer 10-5 .... S McNeill

11-4 Johnny Rose, 7-2 Northern Barry, 4-1 Flutter Money, 13-2 Nearly Great, 8-1 Falside, 12-1 Parkers Joy, 14-1 others.

6.30 SHELDON BOSLEY NOVICES CHASE (£2,701: 3m 2f) (8)

1 0011 CELTIC FLEET 11 (B,D,F,G,S) J Spearing 7-11-7 .... —
7 0030 BOARD THE TRAIN 8 G Ham 7-10-12 .... M Richards
11 2114 DISCAIN BOY 21 (BF,F,G) C Tinkler 8-10-12 G McCourt
12 4433 KAMAG 15 (F,G,S) D Holly 10-10-12 .... P Johnson (7)
15 P034 MASTER PAT 17 B Smart 8-10-12 .... R Dunwoody
20 030P CHANNEL BREEZE 11 (G) E Wheeler 8-10-11 G Landau
21 PUP0 INCAMELIA 20 (G) N Henderson 7-10-7 .... J White
222 30PP MARITA ANN 3 (B) J Webber 7-10-7 .... G Memagh

5-2 Discain Boy, 3-1 Celtic Fleet, 4-1 Master Pat, 11-2 Channel Breeze, 10-1 Kamag, 12-1 others.

7.0 RODDY BAKER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,282: 2m 6f) (7)

2 0131 THE ARGONAUT 28 (F,G,S) F Walwyn 10-11-10 .... S Shilston
3 24P0 SUMMONS 36 (F,G,S) J Gifford 9-11-10 .... R Rowe
7 04F0 DUDIE 35 (F,G,S) R Akehurst 10-10-12 S Smith Eccles
8 0318 GENERAL JOY 13 (F,S) D Nicholson 8-10-11 .... The Princess Royal
14 3244 PAN ARCTIC 9 (C,BF,G,S) T Bill 9-10-0 .... S Sherwood
16 3244 PEA-COCK-ADE 11 (CD,F,G,S) K White 12-10-0 .... A O'Hagan
18 F444 WOODLAND GENERATOR 7 (V,S) P Prichard 9-10-0 .... G Landau

9-4 The Argonaut, 100-30 Summons, 4-1 Pan Arctic, 13-2 General Joy, 8-1 Pea-Cook-Ade, 14-1 others.

7.30 NEEDHAM & JAMES NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,763: 2m 6f) (16)

1 -01F COOLCOTTS 9 (S) R Symonds 12-12-10. D Warren (7)
3 0P/1 PETITE MIRAGE 34 (G) F Richens 7-12-1 .... L Lay (7)
4 0FP-P AREN'T WE ALL 24 G Edwards 9-12-0. G Edwards (7)
5 BALLYANNAN WOOD Mrs S Sharpstone 9-12-0 .... P Taiano (7)
6 000/ BALLYMACWARD 2004 D Williams 11-12-0 .... —
7 F- BEGET 447 B Hughes 8-12-0 .... V Hughes (7)
9 P0- BROTHERLY 9 A Taylor 7-12-0 .... L Taylor (7)
13 0/00 HIGH CLASS AGENT 11 M Churches 10-12-0 .... R Davis (7)
14 00/U KILMORE QUAY 39 A Rumsey 10-12-0 .... G Hanmer (7)
15 0/ NORMAN CASE 7439 D Reed 13-12-0 NON—RUNNER
18 ROMAN SEA Mrs R Bird 7-12-0 .... M Wellings (7)
19 F00- TAF 373 R Howells 11-12-0 .... Miss G Hannam (7)
21 00B- UNBEATABLE TIPP-EX 512 Peter Nichols 7-12-0 .... J Pritchard (7)
23 0P0- GOOSE GREEN 375 R Howells 8-11-9 .... T Rooney (7)
24 FU22 KRYSTLE SAINT 9 (BF) D Wheatley 7-11-9 S Andrews
25 2P0 RARE DEAL 9 Mrs J Bealby 8-11-9 .... C Bealby (7)

2-1 Krystle Saint, 7-2 Coolcotts, 9-2 Petite Mirage, 6-1 Rare Deal, 8-1 Hugh Class Agent, 12-1 Ballyannan Wood.

8.0 SAAB 100 CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,881: 2m) (10)

4 0040 PRASINA MATIA 11 (D,F,G) N Gaselee 5-11-10 .... A Adams (4)
5 3010 TINAS LAD 20 (CD,F,G) J Edwards 5-11-8 .... T Morgan
6 2011 EMRYS 13 (D,F) D Nicholson 5-11-6 (7ex) R Dunwoody
7 0001 BEL COURSE 13 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-4 (7ex) G McCourt
9 2-30 ANY BUSINESS 15 (D,BF,F) R Akehurst 7-10-12 .... I Shoemark (4)
10 0300 DREAM MERCHANT 15 (D,F,S) R O'Sullivan 6-10-11 .... D O'Sullivan (7)
12 1013 CELTIC BOB 35 (D,F,S) O O'Neill 8-10-7 .... W Humphreys (4)
13 1030 COLONEL POPSKI 11 (D,F,S) Miss A King 6-10-5 .... M Bosley
17 4204 BLACK RIVER 4 (D,S) P Davis 7-10-3. Tanya Davis (4)
23 0030 SHOUT 11 (D,F,G) Miss S Wilton 8-10-0 .... S Davies (7)

5-2 Emrys, 3-1 Bel Course, 9-2 Any Business, 6-1 Celtic Bob, 8-1 Prasina Matia, 10-1 Colonel Popski, 12-1 Tinas Lad.

8.30 BISHOPTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£824: 2m) (9)

1 1FU0 KING OF THE LOT 59 (S) R Lee 5-12-2 .... B Dowling
3 -310 TOM FORRESTER 7F (D,S) S Dow 7-11-4 .... J Duggan
5 0030 RULING DYNASTY 15 (B,D,S) R O'Sullivan 4-11-2 .... D O'Sullivan (7)
12 0032 POLLY POTTER 22 Mrs D Haine 6-10-5 .... D Gallagher
14 0312 OUR TILLY 13 (D,F) J Colston 5-10-3 .... G McCourt
15 0001 SEVEN SWALLOWS 25F (D,S) H Collingridge 8-10-3 .... S Woods (4)
19 0430 FALLING LEAF 27 I Wardle 4-10-0 .... K Townend
21 0003 RED TIMBER 8 D Nicholson 4-10-0 .... R Dunwoody
25 -P00 WILL'S SON 28 G Jones 7-10-0 .... —

3-1 Our Tilly, 7-2 Polly Potter, 5-1 Tom Forrester, 6-1 Red Timber, 7-1 Seven Swallows, 8-1 Ruling Dynasty.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 18 winners from 54 runners, 33.3%; N Henderson, 14 from 47, 29.8%; R Akehurst, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Gifford, 4 from 18, 22.2%; F Walwyn, 7 from 36, 19.4%; J Webber, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

JOCKEYS: T Morgan, 5 winners from 9 rides, 55.6%; J Duggan, 7 from 19, 36.8%; J White, 6 from 24, 25.0%; G McCourt, 7 from 39, 17.9%; S Sherwood, 6 from 34, 17.6%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 81, 16.0%.

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin
6.0 Ghawwas. 6.30 Deep Ridge. 7.0 Gifted Nephew. 7.30 Maori Warrior. 8.0 Aldington Mill. 8.30 Contec Prince.

Going hard (good to firm on bends)

6.0 BATHPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£728: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

4 0P20 HENISKI 27 (B) R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 .... R Guest
5 0P00 SHIPS OFFICER 34 W G Turner 5-11-5 .... Tracy Turner
10 P30P BREAKFAST TIME 11 C Luxton 5-11-0 .... R Milman
12 0001 GHAWWAS 29 (CD,F) M Pipe 4-11-0 .... P Scudamore
16 0000 SMITHY'S GIRL 7 N Ayliffe 5-11-0 .... M Ayliffe
18 40 KUMZAR 27 J Bradley 4-10-9 .... G Davies
19 0F00 LADY SILCA KEY 27 Miss J Thorne 4-10-9 .... N Dawe
20 3003 MAID MALEEN 29 C Wildman 4-10-9 .... R Vaughan (7)

10-11 Heninski, 3-1 Ghawwas, 5-1 Maid Maleen, 8-1 Breakfast Time, 12-1 Kumzar, 14-1 others.

6.30 MRM PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (£1,810: 2m 150yd) (8)

4 0PP0 HOLEMOOR PATROL 2 (C,F) P Hobbs 8-11-6 .... Peter Hobbs
6 00PP AROUND TOWN 7 (V,CD,F,G) B Forsey 7-10-12 .... P Croucher
7 2PU4 DEEP RIDGE 11 (F,S) R Hodges 10-10-9 ... W Irvine (7)
8 0330 FLIGHT SHEET 7 (C,F) P Jones 12-10-8 .... M Kinane
9 00PP BRITANNICUS 2 (F,G) N Thomson 12-10-7 ... R Strange
11 F40P SCOTTISH AIR 8 (D,S) B Scriven 6-10-1 Mr G Upton (7)
13 00PP DAVE THE RAVE 7 (F,G,S) R Hodges 13-10-0 B Powell
15 0024 DORNVALLEY LAD 7 (F,G) P Prichard 7-10-0 .... —

5-2 Deep Ridge, 3-1 Flight Sheet, 5-1 Around Town, 7-1 Dornvalley Lad, 10-1 Scottish Air, 12-1 Britannicus.

7.0 MASTERCRAFT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £725: 2m 1f) (8)

7 PF DANUM LAD 64 R Juckes 11-0 .... T Wall
9 004B GIFTED NEPHEW 2 N Mitchell 11-0 ... Mr T Mitchell (7)
17 P0 TOP OF THE PYLE 24 G Ham 11-0 .... S Mackey (7)
18 4 ALWAYS SPECIAL 113 (B) M Pipe 10-9. P Scudamore
19 P00F FAIR MINSTREL 6 R Dickin 10-9 .... M Jones (7)
20 PU0 GOOD BUY BAILEY'S 15 P Rodford 10-9 ... W Irvine (7)
23 P04P OBEE FAST 2 D C Tucker 10-9 .... N Coleman
25 0000 STAR CITY 27 J Bradley 10-9 .... G Davies

Evens Always Special, 7-2 Obee Fast, 9-2 Gifted Nephew, 8-1 Star City, 12-1 Good Buy Bailey's, 14-1 others.

7.30 MASTERCRAFT ROOFING CONTRACTORS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,672: 3m) (7)

2 0F02 DOCK BRIEF 4 M Pipe 7-11-13 .... P Scudamore
7 P003 WIMBLEBALL 11 J Payne 8-11-0 .... R Guest
11 P00P GOLDEN MATCH 11 (F) Mrs S Hembrow 10-10-9 .... W Irvine (7)
13 0F03 MAORI WARRIOR 22 (B,F) R O'Sullivan 6-10-5 .... M Kinane
14 PP04 MASTER BRABINGER 13 A Barrow 9-10-2 .... B Powell
17 0304 SCOTS LAD 11 D Jermy 7-10-0 .... R Millman
19 003P BACHELOR OF LAW 3 Mrs W Fullerton 7-10-0 ... G Old

2-1 Dock Brief, 3-1 Scots Lad, 4-1 Wimbleball, 6-1 Master Brabinger, 8-1 Maori Warrior, 10-1 Bachelor Of Law.

8.0 EBF SOMERSET HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,171: 2m 1f) (6)

2 -312 HIGH WARRIOR 7 (B,D,S) C Popham 5-11-12 (7ex) .... Mr S Burrough (7)
4 0340 COME ON LUCKY 7 M Pipe 5-10-12 .... P Scudamore
5 1132 ALDINGTON BELL 7 (F) C Trietline 5-10-4 .... L Harvey
9 0PUP MAEN DIPPA 11 (S) W Fisher 11-10-0 .... D Tegg (4)
10 F4F-3 ROYAL TYCOON 39 (G,S) A Brisbourne 10-10-0 .... M Brisbourne
11 0300 GO PERSIAN 7 (B) B Vann 11-10-0 .... B Powell

11-8 Come On Lucky, 9-4 High Warrior, 4-1 Royal Tycoon, 6-1 Aldington Bell, 33-1 others.

8.30 VIC MARKS BENEFICIARY YEAR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£774: 2m 1f) (12)

1 P00F IDLE MATINEE 24 (F) R O'Sullivan 7-11-10 .... R Guest
2 1100 MY CUP OF TEA 232 (F) M Pipe 5-11-8 .... P Scudamore
4 0030 SMARTIE EXPRESS 8 R Hodges 6-11-2 .... B Powell
6 1P00 IMPROVISE 17 (G) W Kemp 5-11-1. Mr S McKeever (7)
9 0034 FORGIVING 3F (G) Mrs S Oliver 5-10-13 ... W Hayes (7)
10 03F0 BWANA KALI 11 J Bennett 6-10-12 .... P Croucher
11 4/PU CASTIGLIONE 6 (B) R Howells 6-10-10 .... G Davies
15 0000 GERYON 11 L Waring 7-10-6 .... G Knight
17 0P00 DEEP SURPRISE 11 C Trietline 5-10-3 .... L Harvey
19 4P-1 COMTEC PRINCE 8 (S) B Forsey 6-10-2 ... C Llewellyn
20 P-0P CLEAVAGE 8 P Rodford 5-10-2 .... W Irvine (7)
23 -PP4 CHIAFFA 13 Miss C Horler 6-10-0 .... S Earle

5-2 My Cup of Tea, 7-2 Comtec Prince, 5-1 Forgiving, 6-1 Bwana Kali, 8-1 Improvise, 10-1 Smartie Express.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Dickin, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 28 from 134, 20.9%; W Fisher, 3 from 15, 20.0%; B Forsey, 5 from 40, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; P Croucher, 5 from 26, 19.2%; N Coleman, 9 from 51, 17.6%; B Powell, 14 from 125, 11.2%; S Earle, 4 from 47, 8.5%. (Only qualifiers).

CRICKET

Pringle does enough to make sure that Essex get through

By John Woodcock

CHELMSFORD: Essex won the toss. Essex (2pts) beat Sussex by two wickets

A sixth-wicket partnership of 64 between Pringle and Lilley kept Essex in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Chelmsford yesterday, and put Sussex out of it. Coming together in the 44th over, when Essex were 137 for five in pursuit of 218, they produced the first genuinely aggressive batting of the match.

Although Pringle was seventh out with 12 still needed, he well-deserved the Gold Award, having taken two good wickets to add to his 51. His dismissal, even so, left Essex with some anxious moments collecting the last few runs to win. They got them in the end off the fifth ball of the last over, which was bowled by the young off-spinner, Standing.

On a field slowed by heavy overnight rain (the start was delayed by 15 minutes), Sussex's total was worth perhaps 20 more runs than were shown. On the other hand, it was a good enough pitch, so that 50 for one in the 24th over was slow going.

It was not until Alan Wells joined Parker in the 36th over, at 94 for two, that the pace of scoring really quickened. These two added 67 in 10 overs, going a real gallop between wickets and delighting in anything over-pitched.

This was good cricket, ended only by one of two fine catches by Hardie. The first, diving to his right at shortish extra cover, had accounted for Green; the second was taken running in from deep mid-off and tumbling forward for the ball.

Much of the Essex bowling was of negative intent, aimed at the leg stump. To see Topley, who has already taken 24 championship wickets in 171 overs this season, bowling the leg-side wides, his aim solely to contain, was really rather dismal; but that is the one-day game.

Miller, for his part, bowled to six men on the leg side, in support of the theory that it is a better game when only five are allowed there. In the 19 overs they had after lunch, Sussex added 104, which might well have been more had Imran got in before the last over of the innings.

While Gooch was in, Essex were cruising. But after Kimber had bowled him in the 17th over, they looked as often to be losing as winning. Gooch, pulling, was hoping for a higher bounce. At tea, with 20 overs to go, Essex were 102 for two. A tidy spell by Standing had helped to slow them down.

The first nine overs of the evening seemed, more or less, to have settled things. The lively Kimber bowled Hardie and Border, and Imran accounted for Fletcher. An opening spell of only three overs had left Imran with overs in hand. Parker used him in brief bursts, the last of them of two overs, the 48th and 50th. By then, though, Lilley and Pringle were going strong and setting up an exciting finish.

SUSSEX

N J Falkner c Pringle b Miller	15
A M Green c Hardie b Pringle	53
*P W G Parker run out	64
A P Wells c Hardie b Pringle	38
C M Wells c East b Topley	10
†I J Gould b Lever	14
Imran Khan not out	3
N J Lenham not out	1
Extras (lb 11, w 8)	19
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-94, 3-161, 4-184, 5-213, 6-216.

S J S Kimber, D K Standing and A M Babington did not bat.

BOWLING: Lever 11-2-45-1; Pringle 11-1-43-2; Topley 11-0-50-1; Gooch 11-1-33-0; Miller 11-1-35-1.

ESSEX

G A Gooch b Kimber	20
B A Hardie b Kimber	*51*
P J Prichard lbw b Babington	0
A R Border b Kimber	29
D R Pringle c Falkner b C M Wells	51
*K W R Fletcher b Imran	6
A W Lilley c Gould b C M Wells	28
†D E East c Kimber b Standing	5
G Miller not out	1
T D Topley not out	6
Extras (lb 15, w 4, nb 2)	21
Total (8 wkts, 54.5 overs)	218

J K Lever did not bat.

BOWLING: Imran 11-1-43-1; Kimber 11-1-36-3; C M Well 11-0-51-2; Babington 9-0-35-1; Stanmore 9.5-0-27-1; Lenham 3-0-11-0.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-58, 3-107, 4-122, 5-137, 6-201, 7-206, 8-210.

Umpires: B J Meyer and J C Balderstone.

No, Parker: 64 runs from the Sussex captain's bat could not save his side

Greenidge opens up at home

By Andrew Longmore

SOUTHAMPTON: West Indians beat Hampshire by 93 runs

An innings of prolonged caution and brief savagery by Gordon Greenidge gave the West Indies a comfortable victory in their final one-day match before the Texaco Trophy internationals next week. The England selectors meet today aware that all the top four West Indian batsmen have found their form in the last week. Until yesterday, Greenidge was the exception.

He began by showing exaggerated respect to his county colleagues. By the 15th over he had scored just seven as his young partner, Phil Simmons, dominated an opening stand of 116, Greenidge confining his moments of aggression to two huge straight sixes off the unfortunate James. That was the lull; the storm was to come.

Having taken 90 balls over his first 50, Greenidge took just 22 more to reach his century, which was completed with the seventh and eighth sixes of his innings in the final two balls before lunch. Connor, who had received his County cap before the match, was the main victim of the assault. His first five overs cost four runs, his second five 63.

Most of the eight sixes went straight and at one time it looked as though the supply of new balls had run out. One huge six was well caught by Cowley but only after it had bounced twice off the roof of a marquee. Two balls after lunch, Greenidge lofted the worthy Cowley to Robin Smith at deep mid-wicket.

By then, Richardson had edged a catch to Parks, the West Indians had reached 183 for three and there was no real need for anything else dramatic. Hooper completed an ominously straight forward 50, which included two delightful sixes over extra cover and James took a beautifully judged catch at deep mid-on to dismiss Richards as the touring team reached the relative safety of 279 for five.

Scott and Chris Smith began doggedly amidst a spate of wides and no-balls and the pair had put on 41 in 15 overs when Smith was leg-before to Walsh.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge c R A Smith b Cowley	103
P V Simmons c James b Cowley	55
R B Richardson c Parks b Connor	8
C L Hooper c R A Smith b Connor	56
*I V A Richards c James b Jefferies	13
A L Logie not out	21
R A Harper not out	6
Extras (lb 10, w 7)	17
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	279

†D Williams, M D Marshall, C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-157, 3-183, 4-227, 5-253.

BOWLING: Jefferies 10-0-44-1; Connor 10-2-67-2; James 10-1-51-0; Andrew 10-0-46-0; Cowley 10-0-61-2.

HAMPSHIRE

R J Scott c Harper b Walsh	12
C L Smith lbw b Walsh	18
R A Smith run out	37
D R Turner c and b Walsh	47
**M C J Nicholas c Richards b Simmons*	9
K D James c Richardson b Hooper	15
†R J Parks not out	13
S T Jefferies not out	10
Extras (lb 4, w 9, nb 11)	24
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	186

N G Cowley, C A Connor and S J W Andrew did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-48, 3-, 4-139, 5-146, 6-164

BOWLING: Marshall 8-0-20-0; Patterson 8-0-30-0; Harper 10-0-41-0; Walsh 9-1-30-3; Simmons 8-0-32-1; Richards 4-0-20-0; Hooper 3-1-9-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.

Middlesex run continues as England bowlers keep form

By Alan Lee

CANTERBURY (Middlesex won the toss): Middlesex (2pts) beat Kent by six wickets

Mike Gatting's England duties may still be causing him stress, but the day job could hardly be going more smoothly. Middlesex, who ended last season in disarray, now have an awesome look about them. Gatting is presiding over an unbeaten sequence which was yesterday extended to nine games with a dismissive defeat of Kent.

This result guarantees Gatting's team a place in the last eight of the Benson and Hedges Cup. They are the early pacemakers in the championship, and have made a fine start in the one competition which has always eluded them, the Sunday league.

At first glance, this is a puzzling transformation by a team which failed apologetically at all levels last year. The vital differences, however, are in the fitness of the fast bowlers. Cowans played only half the first-class programme last year. Williams even less. Both have been impressive in the early weeks this year, ably supported by Hughes and Fraser. All this, too, without the help Daniel, their most experienced and celebrated bowler.

Cowans played an important role again yesterday. Once considered too wild for the demands of the overs game, he was mean with every run and, moreover, looked constantly likely to get good players out. He conceded only 15 in his initial seven overs, then took two wickets for six in four critical overs after lunch. England could do a lot worse than play him next week.

The Gold Award, however, went to another England bowler, Emburey, who not only took *four wickets, but suffered* a missed stumping and extracted turn and bounce in a manner which must have comforted the watching Test selector, Fred Titmus. Emburey, having spent all winter fretting over his inability to take wickets, has rediscovered his touch at an appropriate moment. He has no genuine rival as England's slow bowler, but days like this might replace some lost confidence.

Kent, who had possibly startled even themselves by scoring 283 to beat Essex on Wednesday, began in similar mood. Benson and Taylor, the men responsible for that remarkable win, shared an opening stand of 94; when Benson, aiming an insolent late cut, was bowled for 61, Kent had the ideal platform of 136 for two from 35 overs. In the last 20, though, they fell apart, adding only another 70 runs and losing six wickets as Gatting shuffled his bowlers.

A target of 207 never looked likely to extend Middlesex in their present form, and it became a formality once the wayward and emotional Alleyne had given away 30 runs in three overs. Carr, driving and cutting attractively, missed out on a major score when Cowdrey athletically ran him out. But Gatting himself then took charge with his fifth half century in six innings, and Kent were vanquished with 10.3 overs unused.

KENT

M R Benson b Hughes	61
N R Taylor c Brown b Emburey	38
S G Hinks lbw b Cowans	28
C J Tavaré b Emburey	15
*C S Cowdrey c Downton b Cowans	6
R M Ellison c Downton b Emburey	10
V J Wells not out	15
S A Marsh b Emburey	3
C Penn b Fraser	3
H L Alleyne not out	8
Extras (lb 16, w 2, nb 1)	*19*
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	206

R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-136, 3-143, 4-159, 5-164, 6-183, 7-191, 8-197.

BOWLING: Cowans 11-0-21-2; Williams 11-0-45-0; Hughes 11-2-49-1; Fraser 11-3-33-1; Emburey 11-1-42-4.

MIDDLESEX

W N Slack c Marsh b Penn	47
J D Carr run out	35
*M W Gatting b Ellison	68
R O Butcher c Taylor b Cowdrey	36
†P R Downton not out	6
J E Emburey not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 4, nb 3)	13
Total (4 wkts, 44.3 overs)	207

K R Brown, N F Williams, S P Hughes, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-116, 3-183, 4-205.

BOWLING: Ellison 9.3-0-39-1; Alleyne 6-*0-40-0; Cowdrey* 9-0-38-1; Davis 11-0-43-0; Penn 5-0-26-1; Wells 4-1-15-0.

Gold Award: J E Emburey.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and R A White.

Gower's fifty sets up remarkable win

By Richard Streeton

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by nine runs

Leicestershire snatched a remarkable win at the eleventh hour in this Benson and Hedges Cup match yesterday when they captured the last seven Warwickshire wickets in eight overs. Warwickshire, needing 196 to win, were 151 for three before the dramatic collapse began.

Warwickshire had needed 69 from 15 overs and it seemed that Kallicharran would steer them home before Humpage pulled a catch to square leg off Willey.

Kallicharran, who hit eight fours, was seventh out when he drove loosely against DeFrietas. Ferris took the last three wickets and was given the gold award.

Leicestershire laid a good foundation after they were asked to bat first in damp conditions but nobody stayed long enough later to take proper advantage. Even Gower, during *a stay of 27 overs*, was never able to take charge as he would have wished, though the innings suggested that a lean start to this season is about to be put behind him.

Overnight rain delayed the start for 15 minutes before Boon and Briers began with a stand of 68. Boon survived two hard chances before he gave Humpage the first of three successive leg-side catches as the batsman tried to hook a short ball from Reeve.

Gower, like everyone else, found his best strokes were reduced in value by the soaked field, but he was soon cutting and driving languid singles.

Humpage went on to take his fourth and fifth catches when Whitaker and Potter swished loosely outside the off stump.

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c Humpage b Reeve	37
N E Briers c Humpage b Merrick	44
*D I Gower c Moles b Parsons	53
P Willey c Humpage b Merrick	2
J J Whitaker c Humpage b Munton	16
L Potter c Humpage b Parsons	10
P A J DeFreitas c Parsons b Merrick	4
C C Lewis not out	13
†P Whitticase b Merrick	2
J P Agnew run out	3
G J F Ferris not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 1 ,nb 2)	11
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-114, 3-117, 4-146, 5-165, 6-174, 7-178, 8-183, 9-188.

BOWLING: Small 11-3-38-0; Merrick 11-3-24-4; Munton 11-0-42-1; Parsons 11-1-39-2; Reeve 11-0-45-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

*T A Lloyd b Ferris	1
A J Moles lbw b DeFreitas	33
Asif Din c Potter b Ferris	40
A I Kallicharran c Whitticase *b DeFreitas*	79
†G W Humpage c Briers b Willey	11
P A Smith lbw b Lewis	0
D A Reeve lbw b Agnew	1
G J Parsons b Ferris	3
G C Small c Willey b Ferris	1
A T Merrick b Ferris	8
T A Munton not out	3
Extras (lb 3, w 4)	7
Total (54 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-56, 3-128, 4-151, 5-159, 6-171, 7-173, 8-174, 9-178.

*BOWLING: Ferris 11-2-28-5; Agnew 11-1-*49-1; Lewis 11-1-39-1; DeFreitas 10-1-27-2; Willey 11-1-41-1.

Umpires: R Palmer and J D Bond.

Young men impress again

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Neil Fairbrother and Matthew Maynard, two highly-regarded young batsmen pressing hard for England places, yesterday seized their final opportunities before the selectors meet to pick the party for the three Texaco Trophy matches against the West Indies.

True, the bowling in yesterday's Benson and Hedges Cup was hardly of West Indian standard, but the centuries they scored were the third of the season for both. Fairbrother's 116 not out for *Lancashire* against *Scotland* at Old Trafford was his third three-figure score in six days.

Fairbrother capitalized on an opening partnership of 122 between Mendis and Fowler to hurry Lancashire to 317 for five — their highest score in the competition — needing only 82 balls to reach a century which included four sixes and six fours. Scotland were already in a hopeless position at 57 for one from 28 overs when play ended for the day.

Maynard's century came even quicker. He took just 75 balls and 82 minutes against *Combined Universities* at Cardiff where *Glamorgan*, 200 for four from 39 overs by lunch, reached 302 for six, also their best in the competition. Hussain's spirited, unbeaten 76 enabled the students to reach 218 for eight in reply, Derrick taking the first four wickets.

Moxon, who is expected to lose his England place to Gooch now that the Essex player is available again, also did his best *to press his claims*, winning the gold award for his 83 as *Yorkshire* disposed of *Minor Counties* by six wickets at Headingley. Minor Counties' score of 206 for six was built around solid contributions from Knight, Oliver and Roope, all former county cricketers.

Gloucestershire, who have so far been under little pressure in Zone D of the competition, maintained their 100 per cent record with a six wickets win over *Somerset* at Bristol with over seven overs to spare. A lively 55 from Wyatt and a staunch 70 not out from Hardy enabled Somerset to reach 227 for six, but Gloucestershire *made light of their task*, *Stovold* and Wright putting on 137 for the first wicket in 33 overs. Stovold won his eighth gold award for an innings of 78, Wright making 66.

● Middlesex are the only team so far sure of a place in the quarter-finals and pocket cal*culators may well be needed* after the final round of zonal matches tomorrow. The winners of each zone are guaranteed a home match in the quarter-finals. If two teams finish equal on points run rates will decide their final positions — balls received being divided by runs scored to arrive at the requisite figure.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP TABLES

ZONE A

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Derby	3	2	0	1	5
Leics	3	2	0	1	5
Warwicks	3	1	1	1	3
Scotland	3	0	2	1	1
Lancs	2	0	2	0	0

ZONE B

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Notts	3	2	0	1	5
Yorks	3	1	0	2	4
Northants	3	1	1	1	3
Worcs	3	1	1	1	3
M Counties	4	0	3	1	1

ZONE C

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Middx	3	3	0	0	6
Kent	4	2	2	0	4
Essex	3	2	1	0	4
Surrey	*3*	*1*	*2*	*0*	*2*
Sussex	3	0	3	0	0

ZONE D

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Gloucs	3	3	0	0	6
Hants	3	2	1	0	4
Glamorgan	3	2	1	0	4
Somerset	4	1	3	0	2
Comb Univ	3	0	3	0	0

Not including Lancashire v Scotland

Australia retain Simpson

Sydney (AP) — Bob Simpson, aged 52, the former captain of Australia, has been reappointed coach of the national team for the next two years, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced yesterday. Simpson was first appointed in 1986.

The ACB has also reappointed the selection panel, Lawrie Sawle, the chairman, Greg Chappell, Jim Higgs and Simpson.

The Australian team will attend a five-day training camp conducted by Simpson in Brisbane before leaving for its tour of Pakistan on September 3.

The programme for the tour has not been finalized but will include three Tests, three one-day internationals and three first-class matches, the ACB said. The team returns to Australia on October 20.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Glam v Combined U

CARDIFF (Combined Universities won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Combined Universities by 84 runs.

GLAMORGAN

A R Butcher c Hussain b Fenton	12
J A Hopkins run out	50
*H Morris run out	15
M P Maynard b Fenton	115
R J Shastri c Speight b Fenton	0
G C Holmes not out	59
R C Ontong b Smith	19
J G Thomas not out	16
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 6, nb 1)	16
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	302

J Derrick, †C P Metson and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-44, 3-152, 4-186, 5-219, 6-260.

BOWLING: Fenton 11-0-44-3; Hickson 11-0-64-0; Boiling 11-2-51-0; Atkinson 7-0-48-0; Smith 10-0-59-1; Kilborn 5-0-29-0

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

*M A Atherton c Metson b Derrick	17
T J G O'Gorman b Derrick	43
M J Kilborn b Derrick	10
N Hussain not out	76
P A C Bail lbw b Derrick	13
J C M Atkinson c Ontong b Shastri	8
†M Speight c Maynard b Holmes	8
M Hickson c Shastri b Ontong	10
M Smith lbw b Morris	3
J Boiling not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 5, nb 2)	23
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	218

N C W Fenton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-81, 3-82, 4-120, 5-129, 6-153, 7-176, 8-196.

BOWLING: Thomas 5-1-6-0; Barwick 6-2-21-0; Ontong 11-2-43-1; Derrick 11-3-53-4; Shastri 11-2-24-1; Holmes 9-1-41-1; Morris 2-0-14-1.

Gold Award: M P Maynard.

Umpires: D G L Evans and B Dudleston.

Glouc v Somerset

BRISTOL (Gloucester won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Somerset by six wickets.

SOMERSET

J G Wyatt b Curran	55
N A Felton b Bainbridge	10
J J E Hardy not out	70
M D Crowe b Alleyne	24
R J Harden c Lawrence b Graveney	19
*V J Marks b Alderman	16
G D Rose c Russell b Curran	18
G V Palmer not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 3)	14
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	227

†N D Burns, D J Foster and N A Mallender did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-75, 3-118, 4-184, 5-173, 6-218.

BOWLING: Lawrence 4-0-24-0; Alderman 11-1-57-1; Curran 11-2-42-2; Bainbridge 11-3-29-1; Alleyne 10-0-35-1; Graveney 8-1-29-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold run out	78
A J Wright c Crowe b Foster	66
P Bainbridge c Wyatt b Rose	6
C W J Athey not out	27
K M Curran c Burns b Mallender	30
J W Lloyds not out	8
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 7)	13
Total (4 wkts, 48.4 overs)	228

†R C Russell, M W Alleyne, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence and T M Alderman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-151, 3-166, 4-220.

BOWLING: Mallender 9.4-0-36-1; Foster 11-0-57-1; Rose 11-0-50-1; Palmer 8-1-40-0, Marks 9-0-42-0.

Gold Award: A W Stovold.

Umpires: D J Constant and A G T Whitehead.

Yorkshire v Minor C

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by 6 wickets.

MINOR COUNTIES

C J Stockdale c Blakey b Shaw	21
*S G Plumb hit wkt b Jarvis	1
R D V Knight c Bairstow b Shaw	38
P R Oliver c Bairstow b Hartley	48
G R J Roope lbw b Moxon	39
S Burrow c Robinson b Hartley	28
†M A Garnham not out	13
S Greensword not out	2
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 2, nb 3)	16
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	206

A J Webster, R N Busby and R A Evans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-41, 3-108, 4-121, 5-183, 6-201.

Bowling: Jarvis 10-1-43-1; Sidebottom 11-1-23-0, Shaw 11-3-30-2; Hartley 11-1-55-2; Carrick 11-0-38-0; Moxon 1-0-8-1.

YORKSHIRE

M A Moxon c and b Evans	83
A A Metcalfe lbw b Knight	21
R J Blakey st Garnham b Greensword	9
J D Love not out	45
P E Robinson lbw b Busby	34
†D L Bairstow not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 2, nb 1)	8
Total (4 wkts, 52 overs)	208

*P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis and C Shaw did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-109, 3-123, 4-200.

*BOWLING: Webster 11-0-42-0; Busby 8-*1-43-1; Knight 10-1-38-1; Greensword 11-3-28-1; Evans 11-0-44-1; Plumb 1-0-6-0.

Gold Award: M A Moxon.

Umpires: N J Plews and D O Oslear.

Lancs v Scotland

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Scotland, with nine wickets in hand, need 261 runs off 27 overs to beat Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis run out	61
G Fowler c and b McIntyre	66
N H Fairbrother not out	116
M Watkinson c McIntyre b Ker	18
Wasim Akram b Ker	8
*D P Hughes b Rice	19
P J W Allott not out	14
Extras (b 6, lb 5, nb 4)	15
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	317

A N Hayhurst, I D Austin, J Simmons and †W K Hegg did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-122, 2-152, 3-195, 4-231, 5-282.

BOWLING: Rice 11-0-58-1; Duthie 11-0-96-0; Ker 11-1-77-2; Parfitt 11-1-30-0; McIntyre 11-0-44-1

SCOTLAND

I L Philip c Mendis b Austin	20
K Scott not out	28
R G Swan not out	7
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (one wkt, 28 overs)	57

*C E B Rice, G McGurk, M J Smith, E McIntyre, †D Fleming, P G Duthie, C L Parfitt and J E Ker to bat.

Cable Television

The Cable Television Association points out that there are 130,000 cable subscribers to Screen Sport, and 250,000 homes in Britain with cable television. Our report on Wednesday stated erroneously that there were 100 subscribers to Screen Sport.

Tour to India alternative to Sri Lanka

By Alan Lee

The permutations available for England's next winter tour grew still more confused yesterday with news of an Indian proposal for a three-sided series of one-day internationals in December.

India's plan has apparently *already been put to the Test* and County Cricket Board on an informal basis, but so far there has been no reaction. This is hardly surprising as the TCCB is unable to make any positive plans until a decision is taken on the scheduled visit to Sri Lanka.

Political problems could force *the abandonment of that trip*, in which case the TCCB, mindful of the general feeling that the top players are being over-worked, will attempt to delay departure for India until after Christmas.

This would bring them into conflict with the Indian authority's plan, which involves England, New Zealand and the host nation engaging in a scaled-down version of Australia's World Series Cup.

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MOTOR RACING

Senna sets fastest time as drivers toil in conditions

From John Blunsden, Monte Carlo

Anyone who believes Grand Prix drivers *to be overpaid* should have witnessed at close quarters yesterday's practice and qualification session for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix. It only needs rain to turn the barrier-lined two-mile street circuit into a treacherous ribbon of tarmac on which the most minute miscalculation with steering wheel, accelerator or brake pedal results in a bent car. Conditions were changing all the time yesterday, both in the preliminary practice, which began in a rain storm, and again in the qualifying period, for which a dry track was in prospect until a short, sharp shower began seconds before the cars filed out on the track. Even at the end of the hour-long session it remained perilously slippery in the braking area at the exit from the tunnel and in several other places off the ideal line.

There were no fewer than 22 changes at the top of the table of fastest times, involving 11 different drivers. Eddie Cheever was the first to set the pace, only to drop to 21st by the end. Ayrton Senna finally asserted his authority, backed up by Alain Prost, to once again put Marlboro McLaren at the front of the provisional grid. Nigel Mansell, third quickest in his Williams-Judd, had to drive right on the limit "and at times probably over it" to lap within two seconds of Senna's time.

"But there is no way we can find another two seconds," Mansell said. "My car is great on the corners, but we have an *overheating problem* as well as a power deficiency and frankly, I have no big expectations for the race."

With better weather in prospect for tomorrow's final qualifying maybe all of yesterday's hard work will count for nothing. Given dry conditions: a lap between 1min 23sec and 1min 24sec will probably be required for pole position and 1min 32sec just to get into the race. Wet or dry, drivers certainly earn their corn in Monoco.

QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, A Senna (Br), Marlboro-McLaren-Honda, 1:26.464, *86.10mph*; 2, *A Prost (Fr)*, Marlboro-McLaren-Honda, 1:28.375; 3, N Mansell (GB), Williams-Judd, 1:28.475; 4, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:29.001; 5, A Nannini (It), Benetton-Ford DVR, 1:29.093; 6, R Patrese (It), Williams-Judd, 1:29.130; 7, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton-Ford DVR, 1:29.539; 8, P Streiff (Fr), AGS-Ford, 1:29.597; 9, D Warwick (GB), USF & G Arrows-Megatron, 1:29.928; 10, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 1:29.931; 11, S Nakajima (Japan), Camel-Lotus-Honda, 1:30.611; 12, J Palmer (GB), Tyrell-Ford, 1:30.679; 13, N Piquet (Br), Camel-Lotus-Honda, 1:30.924; 14, P Alliot (Fr), L&C Lola-Ford, 1:31.375; 15, L Sala (Sp), Lois Minardi-Ford, 1:31.652; 16, O Larrauri (Arg), Euro-Brun-Ford, 1:31.861; 17, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier-Loto-Judd, 1:31.964; 18, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton-House-March-Judd, 1:32.148; 19, A Campos (Sp), Lois-Minardi-Ford, 1:31.627; 20, G Tarquini (It), Coloni-Ford, 1:32.792; 21, E Cheever (US), USF & G Arrows-Megatron, 1:32.889; 22, P Ghinzani (It), West-Zakspeed, 1:33.005; 23, A de Cesaris (It), Rial-Ford, 1:33.183; 24, B Schneider (WG), West-Zakspeed, 1:33.585; 25, A Caffi (It), BMS Dallara-Ford, 1:33.691; 26, J Bailey (GB), Tyrell-Ford, 1:34.192; 27, Y Dalmas (Fr), L & C Lola-Ford, 1:35.158; 28, I Capelli (It), Leyton-House-March-Judd, 1:35.256; 29, S Johansson (Swe), Ligier-Loto-Judd, 1:36.036; 30, N Larini (It), Stalevani Osella-Alfa Romeo, 1:36.705.

12 playing fields face end of term

By John Goodbody

Twelve playing field sites owned by the Inner London Education Authority, covering a total of 250 acres, are to be closed at the end of July.

Although, as *The Times* reported last month, the sites which helped develop the talents of people like Daley Thompson and John Barnes, Linford Christie and Wendy Hoyte are not to be sold, they will be left idle while their future is discussed.

The ILEA schools sub-committee yesterday agreed in principle for their continued use for sport and is entering into immediate discussions with the Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the Sports Council and the London Playing Fields Society.

The problem is finding an authority to fund the fields' use after the ILEA ceases to exist when the local boroughs take over educational responsibilities for the capital in 1990. Already there are plans for redundancies among the staff and the Government may be reluctant to put money into the sites, which it regards as the responsibility of ILEA.

Many of the sites are outside ILEA's area and London schoolchildren have had to be bussed out to the sites for their exercise. The ILEA is disposing of the sites because they are surplus to educational requirements.

Martin Rogers, the chair of the ILEA schools sub-committee, said yesterday: "There is strong justification for retaining these sites in use. We hope the minister will see this point."

Among the 12 centres are three large satellite sites: Warren Farm in Southall; Wadham Lodge, Walthamstow; and Prince Edward, Edgware.

RUGBY UNION

England experiment in their opening match

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Sydney

Apart from a slight delay at Singapore's Changi airport, where the Welsh party was encountered, en route to New Zealand, England's journey to Australia went as smoothly as such long flights can; the players worked the stiffness out of their bones with an hour's stretching and touch rugby in the Queensland sunshine before the management briskly decided on the team for the game against a Queensland Country XV next Tuesday.

It bears the look of a second choice side against what may turn out to be the weakest opposition of the tour — though the Country selectors have brought in four Brisbane players to bolster the side, among them Grigg, the wing who was a member of the grand slam tour party of 1984.

With only a fortnight in which to prepare for the first international, the management have to give what they consider their intended top side a run against Queensland on Sunday week. Tuesday's game, too, is one in which to experiment; hence the appearance of Richards as blind-side flanker, of Redman as a middle jumper and Evans as a left wing.

"*It will be interesting to see* Richards at six," Geoff Cooke, the manager said. "When we haven't got two recognized sides available, people have to be flexible."

It was never the management's intention to field Underwood so soon after his game on Sunday for the World XV against Australia here. Evans will be glad of an early chance to show his paces since he and Bentley are both competing for the right wing position (although since Underwood played his last two matches in the five nation championship in the No.14 jersey you might say they are all right wings now).

*One of the World XV late-*comers was Paxton, the experienced Selkirk and Scotland lock, who was greeted at the airport with the glad tidings that he would be training in an hour and training, moreover, as a blind-side flanker rather than No. 8 or lock, his international position. Flexibility, as Cooke said, is a wonderful virtue.

ENGLAND TEAM (v Queensland Country XV): R Adamson (Wakefield); J Bentley (Sale), B Barley (Wakefield), J Buckton (Saracens), B Evans (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath), S Robson (Moseley); G Chilcott (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), G Pearce (Northampton), D Richards (Leicester), J Orwin (Bedford, captain), N Redman (Bath), A Robinson (Bath), D Egerton (Bath); Replacements: S Halliday (Bath), R Andrew (Wasps), R Harding (Bristol), J Probyn (Wasps), B Moore (Nottingham), G Rees (Nottingham).

EQUESTRIANISM

Edgar stable dominant at show's opening day

By Jenny MacArthur

The powerful Edgar stable dominated events on the opening day of the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday, winning three out of the four classes.

Marie Edgar, aged 17, who has her father's determination and her mother's style, set the standard winning both the Brook Street Foxhunter and the Walwyn Novice Jumping Championship with Lady Inchcape's five-year-old Belgian-bred *mare, Everest Fifi*.

Her mother, Liz, not to be outdone, then had a comfortable win in the main event of the day on Everest Rapier, whose fluent round belied Mrs Edgar's worries. "He's a bit backward when he comes outside," she said, "because he always looks *for the water*."

There was no water fence yesterday, but there will be in today's women's championship, for which the pair are one of the favourites.

Emma Jane Mac and Everest Gringo, also from the Edgar yard, had held the lead for the first half of the competition. Their time was unbeaten until Mrs Edgar completed her winning round.

John Whitaker underlined the strength of his new partnership with John Burbidge's Next Sure Response, a 10-year-old formerly ridden by Ewan MacRae, when they took second place ahead of Alan Fazakerley, Whitaker's former pupil, on Fred Brown's Rebound.

The ridden hunter classes proved to be another family occasion when Skibbereen, ridden by David Tatlow, took the hunter championship and the lightweight, Langdale Pike, ridden by Tatlow's daughter Lorraine, stood reserve champion.

Tatlow had ridden Langdale Pike himself in the lighweight class earlier in the day but had no hesitation in handing over to his daughter for the championship. "She rides him all the time at home," — in fact she ticked me off for the way I rode him here," Tatlow said.

RESULTS: Grade A: 1, Everest Rapier (E Edgar) 0 flts, 58.36sec; 2, Sure Response (J Whitaker) 0, 57.12 ; 3, Rebound (A Fazakerley) 0, 57.50 . Walwyn Novice Jumping Championship: 1, Everest Fifi (M Edgar) 0, 34.22; 2, *Out of* Bounds (J Whitaker) 0, 34.58; 3, Sarly Dun Lad (J Whitaker) 0, 35.72. Brook Street Foxhunter: Everest Fifi (M Edgar) 0, 29.43; 2, Popaway (J Harris) 0, 31.14; 3, Silly Goose (B Fox) 0, 31.41.

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On the eve of the FA Cup final, **David Miller** assesses the Footballer of the Year and the team of the year

Liverpool's destiny depends on Barnes

It would be presumptuous to try to tell the man who today will be surely named as Bell's Manager of the Year how he should direct the team of the year to play at Wembley. Nevertheless, the best tactics for Kenny Dalglish and Liverpool against Wimbledon in tomorrow's FA Cup final might well be to play them at their own game, that is, to keep the ball in Wimbledon's half of the field all they can.

It is no secret that Liverpool, League champions again and aiming for their second double in three seasons, dislike playing against the former amateur upstarts as much as most other clubs do. A draw at Wimbledon this season and a 2-1 home win, plus Wimbledon's victory at Anfield last season, are proof of Liverpool's reason to respect the Londoners.

That respect could amount to discomfort tomorrow, especially if Gillespie is less than fit at centre-back, or, worse, is unable to play. There could not be a more important player than Gillespie for Liverpool to lose — *including* Barnes — against the threat of the aggressively mobile Fashanu. Gillespie is Liverpool's best header of the ball, a critical quality alongside the erratic Grobbelaar and the otherwise brilliant Hansen, whose only flaw is in the air, where he tends to get too far under the ball.

Few of the exceptional post-war English clubs have succeeded in delivering on the day at Wembley. There is the burden of an enormous expectation upon Liverpool to show the world (literally, in view of the massive television audience) how to play the game. Besides which, it is difficult to accept Tom Finney's unreserved praise for Liverpool as one of our greatest-ever teams. They have dominated domestic opposition, but their absence from European competition must leave a question mark against their true status.

The only final between outstanding teams to have lived up to forecasts fully was Manchester United against Blackpool in 1948. Tottenham were below their magical best against Leicester and then Burnley in successive years, while Leeds failed to reach a peak when they lost to Chelsea, beat Arsenal and then lost to Sunderland. As one of the few to have forecast the second division side's triumph in 1973, I have to say that Wimbledon's prospects against Liverpool are less slim than were Sunderland's against Leeds.

Yet Wembley, with all its space and smooth surface encouraging skill, is the least suitable arena for hustlers such as Wimbledon. Don Howe, Wimbledon's coach, admits that by using a 4-2-4 formation, they do at times find themselves outmanoeuvred in midfield, when Sanchez and the intimidating Jones can be outnumbered. "I wouldn't say we gamble, but we bank on the midfield pair to keep the momentum of the side going forward," Howe says.

Liverpool like to play a patient, possession game from the back, the pattern which they have perfected since being defeated at home in the European Cup by Red Star Belgrade in 1974 and making a radical reassessment of their style. Tomorrow, they would far prefer to be playing Everton or Arsenal, whom they understand. The answer could therefore be for them to get the ball forward more quickly and to force continual pressure on the suspect qualities of Wimbledon's rearguard of Goodyear or Scales, Young, Thorn and Phelan.

With this in mind, it might be a good idea to include Whelan, such a versatile player, at left back and switch Ablett to centre back if Gillespie has not recovered from his head injury. Molby, splendid touch player that he is, can be pedestrian and might be vulnerable at centre back to Fashanu's vigorous, uncompromising challenge.

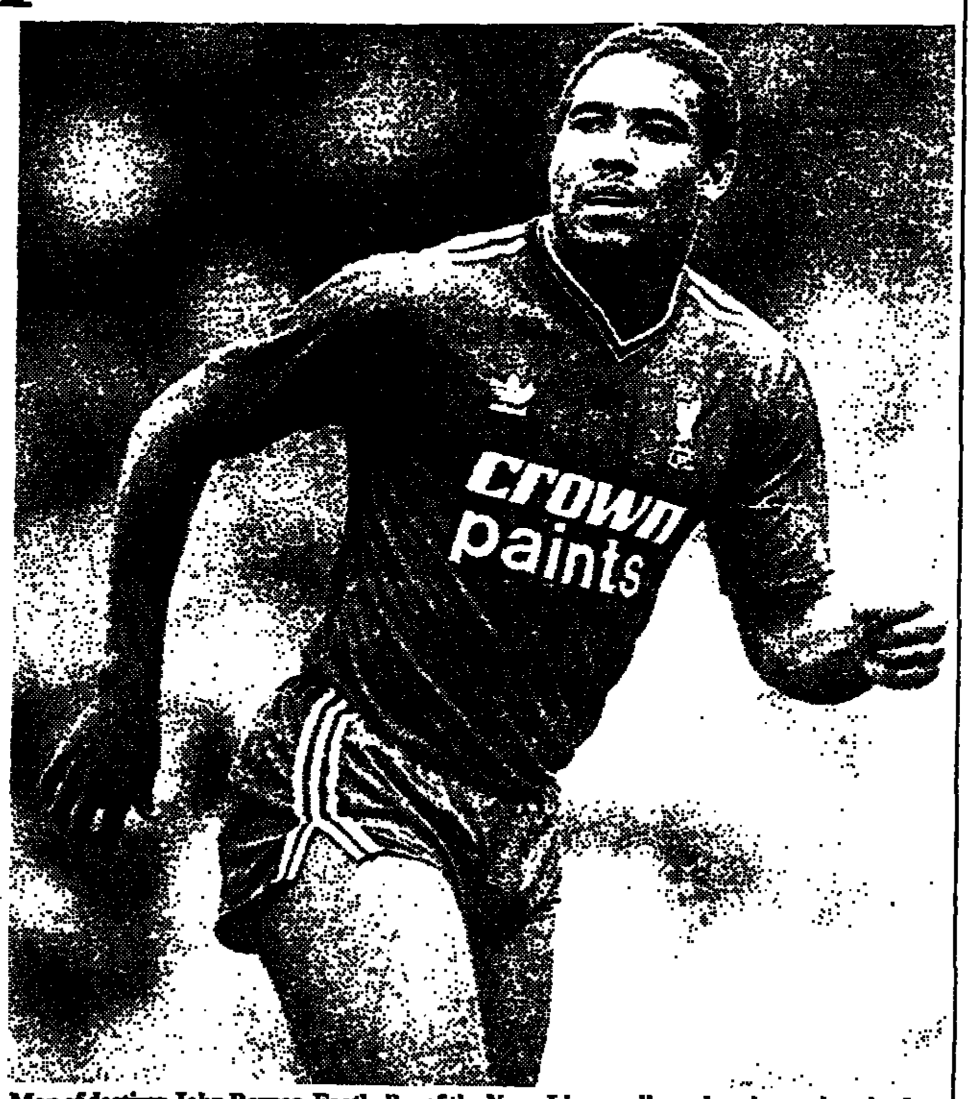
Apart from their rout of Sheffield Wednesday, the past month has not been a relatively happy time for Liverpool. When they drew at Norwich to make sure of the title, they had won only twice in seven matches, and Dalglish has to raise their emotional level tomorrow. Wimbledon are precisely the kind of opponents against whom they cannot sit back and wait for system and experience to carry the day.

It will be fascinating to watch the comparative performance of those two fine black players, Fashanu, the former Barnardo's boy nurtured towards maturity and achievement by benevolent Norfolk foster parents, and Barnes, Player of the Year in the estimation of both the Professional Footballers' Association and, last night, the Football Writers' Association, the first black player so honoured.

Last year the Cup was won for the underdogs by the wiles of Bennett on Coventry's right wing, and Fashanu's unselfconscious tenacity is a weapon that could flourish against any Liverpool hesitancy.

Yet Barnes, with an exceptional season behind him, is the obvious match-winner, a goal-maker as well as goal-taker. He, Aldridge and Beardsley have become a fearsome trio. Barnes has been silenced this season, by the close marking of now-relegated Portsmouth, and Liverpool's fate could be decided by whether Barnes rises to the Wembley challenge. If nothing else, he knows the pitch and should feel at home.

It is difficult to believe that Liverpool, although supreme among contemporaries, are as good, never mind better, than the Spurs of Blanchflower, Mackay, Dyson or Medwin, White, Smith, Greaves and Jones. Barnes, more than anyone, will determine how we remember, and evaluate, the Liverpool of 1988.



Man of destiny: John Barnes, Footballer of the Year, Liverpool's goal-maker and goal-taker

RUGBY LEAGUE

Individual award for Offiah

By Keith Macklin

Martin Offiah, the former Rosslyn Park winger, crowned a momentous first season in Rugby League last night when he was named Man of Steel, the highest individual award in the game.

Offiah, with 44 tries, has ended his first season in the 13-a-side code as the league's leading try scorer, ahead of the Wigan scoring star, Ellery Hanley. On Sunday he will play for Widnes in the Premiership final against St Helens at Old Trafford.

The choice of Offiah was made by a panel of Rugby League experts, who regard him as the player "who made the biggest impact" on the game in the 1987-88 season. He receives £1,750 and a silver-inscribed memento to the value of £300.

Competition for Offiah was provided by five other category winners. An outstandingly popular choice, received with tremendous acclamation, was Steve Hampson, the players' vote as the first division's outstanding competitor. The Wigan full back's broken arm deprived him of a Wembley appearance for the third time in five years, and almost kept him out of the Australasian tour.

The second division player of the year is Peter Smith (Featherstone Rovers), and the young player of the year, for the second year in succession, is Shaun Edwards (Wigan).

Fred Lindop, the Wakefield referee who retired after officiating at the Wembley Challenge Cup final, received the referee of the year award. For the first time ever the choice of coach of the year was left open. It is chosen by a panel, and since there was a neck-and-neck split between Alex Murphy (St Helens) and Doug Laughton (Widnes), the award will be given to the coach of the winning side in Sunday's Premiership final.

● Oldham, the second division champions, are battling to get their key forwards, Gary Warnecke and Paul Round fit for Sunday's Rugby League Premiership final with Featherstone Rovers at Old Trafford. Both are named in an 18-man squad and Eric Fitzsimons, the Oldham coach said: "We are optimistic about their chances."

HOCKEY

Three changes in Olympic build-up squad

Great Britain have made three changes for next month's tournament in Essen, where they will meet Australia, Canada and hosts West Germany (Joyce Whitehead writes).

The goalkeeper, Julie Cook, Vicky Dixon and Mary Cheetham are called back to join the build-up towards the Olympics, while Wendy Banks, Jane Sixsmith and Caroline Rule are all rested from the squad which went to Australia.

All 19 players will attend the training session at the end of June, with two matches against Canada, after which Denis Hay, the coach, will announce his 16-strong squad for Seoul.

● Bill Jones has been appointed as coach for the Scottish national team for the next two seasons.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: B Hambly (captain, Warwickshire), V McBride (Ulster), J Atkin (Yorkshire), G Brown (Yorkshire), K Brown (Surrey), M Cheetham (Leicestershire), J Cook (Suffolk), V Dixon (Cambridgeshire), J Ellis (West Wales), W Fraser (West), C Jordan (West), M McLeod (West), G Messenger (East), K Parker (Middlesex), A Ramsey (Midlands), S Williams (Buckinghamshire).

NATIONAL KNOCK-OUT CHALLENGE (Bristol Univ Athletic Ground): Quarter-final (tomorrow, 10.30 a.m.): Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead v Royal Navy. Semi-finals (Sunday, 11.45 a.m.): Winchester v Heywood; (1.30 p.m.): Chelmsford v Berkhamsted or RN. Final (4.00 p.m.)

TENNIS

Crowd and climate add to Lendl's discomfort

From Richard Evans, Rome

Ivan Lendl is too serious a man to enjoy playing in front of Roman crowds. The world No. 1 was the picture of misery here at the Foro Italico yesterday as he struggled to a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 win over Guy Forget, the stylish French left-hander, to reach the quarter-finals of the Italian Open.

A day of overcast skies and swirling wind would have made Lendl uncomfortable in any case, because he is a hay fever sufferer and the injection the doctor had given him had not proved strong enough.

But, quite apart from a running nose and sore eyes, Lendl was at odds once again with the crowds whom he had castigated after his match against Milan Srejber the day before.

As a proud professional, Lendl likes to play his best, but feels he is unable to do so when spectators whistle as he serves and crack jokes at one another across the stadium. They were at it again yesterday and the more Lendl appealed to Gerry Armstrong, the British umpire, for calm, the worse it got.

Fortunately for Lendl, Forget got worse, too, and lost the opportunity for a big win on a day when Lendl might have been quite content to squeeze his way out of the tournament.

It was a good day for the South Americans. Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, twice a title winner here, led a trio of them into the quarter-finals with a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 win over Jim Pugh, of the United States, while his six-month-old son slept peacefully in his cot amidst the congested chaos of the Press room.

Roger Taylor arrived here yesterday to play with Jan Kodes in the over-35 doubles. It was the first time the former British No. 1 had been to the Foro Italico since those far-off days in the early seventies when WCT had a hand in running the championship.

While waiting for a practise court, Taylor took a stroll down to Court B in time to witness the end of Jeremy Bates's first attempt to leave a footprint in the red clay.

It should, perhaps, have lasted a little longer because Bates and his Australian partner, Brod Dyke, played the better third set against a couple of other Australians, Wally Masur and Mark Woodforde.

But match point was missed at 5-4 and all hope of a quarter-final place seemed lost when Masur and Woodforde sharpened up their volleying to lead six points to three in the deciding tie-break. A series of brilliant back-handers from Bates finally forced an error to save the first match point, and an equally impressive winner from a forehand service return accounted for the second. Now it was Bates's serve and a real chance to level at 6-6.

The first rule in doubles is to get the first serve in. But poor Bates couldn't even manage to get the second one over the net. Double fault. Taylor wandered back to the clubhouse, shaking his head sadly.

RESULTS: Third round: I Lendl (Cz) bt G Forget (Fr), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-1, 7-5; K Carlsson (Swe) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-1, 6-0; A Gomez (Ec) bt J Pugh (US), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 7-5, 7-5.

United nations of Solent

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

A banner outside the Lee-on-the Solent Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club (can there be another with as long a title?) reads 'international tennis'. That was demonstrably true yesterday during the quarter-final round of the singles in the last of four tournaments on the Hi-Tec circuit. The eight women represented as many nations and the men represented six nations.

The tournament began with nine British men in a draw of 24 and 12 British women in a draw of 32. None of the domestic contenders is left. Indeed, in four tournaments Britain has had only three players in semi-finals: Anne Simpkin (who won at Queen's Club), Nick Fulwood and Danny Sapsford. Overseas players have made better use of the chance to gain competitive experience, prize money, and ranking points.

The semi-finals will be Juan Rios v Shane Barr, Torben Theine v Adam Anderson, Marina Bottazzi v Petra Thoren, and Melissa Mazzotta v Dahlia Coriat. Barr and Anderson are among four men — members of the BP Australia Tennis Achievers Squad — on tour under the avuncular guidance of Bob Carmichael.

BP are heavily involved in sponsoring Australian tennis. Carmichael explained yesterday that the 'Achievers' scheme was designed to help juniors make the transition to senior tennis. Pat Cash has been outstanding among the players to make that transition quickly. The BP squad is chosen annually and the players receive graded cash bonuses based on their record during the year.

Barr and three of the successful women were taken to three sets yesterday. Mazzotta, aged 15, is the junior champion of Venezuela. She took only three games from Petra Langrova at Bournemouth last week but, having been within two points of another straight sets defeat, beat her yesterday.

Anderson, Barr, and Theine, a West German left-hander, are the only players of either sex who have justified their seedings by reaching the semi-finals. But at this level seedings do not much matter. There have been plenty of tough matches on the exemplary clay courts. Spectators are getting good value for their £1.50.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): S Barr (Aus) bt N Fulwood, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; A Anderson (Aus) bt T Nydahl (Swe), 6-3, 7-5; J Rios (Puerto Rico) bt C Turich (Aus), 6-3, 6-3. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: M Bottazzi (It) bt K Labuschagne (US), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Mazzotta (Ven) bt P Langrova (Hun), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; P Thoren (Fin) bt A Radics (Arg), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Chicago Cubs 1, San Diego Padres 0; Atlanta Braves 3, Montreal Expos 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Cincinnati Reds 3; New York Mets 9, Houston Astros 8; San Francisco Giants 5, St Louis Cardinals 4. American League: Detroit Tigers 8, Oakland Athletics 4; New York Yankees 12, Chicago White Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 9, Seattle Mariners 3; Minnesota Twins 2, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Texas Rangers 8, Baltimore Orioles 0; Cleveland Indians 4, California Angels 3.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round, group A: Romania 64, Israel 58; Netherlands 58; Poland 52; Italy 84, Sweden 61.

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association (NBA) play-off game: Boston Celtics 110, Atlanta Hawks 101.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Mansfield: Buckinghamshire 140, London Parks 104. Barnstaple: Devon 120, Cornwall 105. Farnborough: Hampshire 118, London Scottish 93. Harrow: Middlesex 139, Warwickshire 116. Esher: Surrey 105, Gloucestershire 108.

BOXING

GREENWICH: Professional bill: Featherweight (8 rds): J Dobson (Eltham) ko N Lawrence (Battersea), 4th; (6 rds): N Lucas (Waltham Abbey) bt J Duffy (Scot), rsc, 6th. Welterweight (8 rds): M Smith (New Cross) bt S Paul (Hackney), ret, 5th. Light-middleweight (6 rds): D Thomas (Hull) bt N Barnet (New Cross), pts; (6 rds): C Haydon (Greenwich) bt G Griffin (Corby), pts.

GOLF

BLACKHEATH: Southern PGA classic: 137: H Stott (Shirley Park), 64, 73; C DeFoy (Coombe Hill), 70, 67; C Tucker (St Andrews, London), 68, 69 (Stott won at second extra hole). 139: W Grant (Cuddington), 70, 69; J Hay (Waterlooville), 69, 70.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 70, Exeter 26; Long Eaton 46, Peterborough 50.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Allhallows 105, Exeter 108-7; *Bancroft's 113-8, Chigwell 86-5; City of London Freemen's 105, *Bethany 106-6; Devon Dumplings 146-6, *Kelly College 87-7; Dr Challoner's 190-2 (Hurd 106 not out), *RGS High Wycombe 108-6; *Ellesmere 178-8, Denstone 94-1; Enfield 70, *Hampton 71-1; *Highgate 159, St Dunstan's 138-7; *King's, Taunton 155, Millfield 158-2 (Hemp 104 not out); *KCS Wimbledon 145-8, Tiffin 149-4; *RGS Lancaster 199-2 (Lamb 103 not out), Rossall 77-3; *Oxford 177-8, Magdalen 113-6; St Benedict's 117, *Latymer Upper 119-3; *Shiplake 154-6, Colesthorpe 84; XL Club 160-6, *Bearwood 158; XL Club 151-4, *Haberdashers' Aske's 152-2; *Forest 112, City of London 31 (Butler 5-10, Adeniake 5-18).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: Stanley Cup play-off games: Campbell Conference: Edmonton Oilers 8, Detroit Red Wings 4.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield Town 1, Preston North End 1; Blackburn Rovers 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Notts County 3, Doncaster Rovers 0; Newcastle United 2, West Bromwich Albion 1.

BULGARIAN CUP: Final: Sredets 4, Vitosha 1.

CYCLING

AVILA, Spain: Tour of Spain: Eighteenth stage: 1, J Martinez Oliver (Sp), 6:37:34; 2, J Rodriguez (Sp), at 19sec; 3, J Pedersen (Den), 2:27. Overall positions: 1, A Fuerte (Sp), 79:28:59; 2, S Kelly (Ire), at 21sec; 3, Raimund Dietzen (W Germany), at 52. Others: 6, R Millar (GB), 1:47.

TENNIS

ROME: Italian open championship: Men's singles: Second round: J Yzaga (Peru) bt P Rebolledo (Chile), 7-6, 6-3; J Pugh (US) bt J Grabb (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-2, 1-0, ret; A Jarryd (Swe) bt P Cane (It), 6-0, 6-0; T Muster (Austria) bt J Brown (US), 7-5, 6-2; R Osterthun (WG) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; A Agassi (US) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; Y Noah (Fr) bt T Meinecke (WG), 7-6, 6-1.

LEE-ON-SOLENT: Hi-Tec satellite tournament (GB unless stated): Men: Second round: C Turich (Australia) bt P Wekesa (Ken), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5; N Fulwood bt R Rasheed (Aus), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; S Barr (Aus) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; T Nydahl (Swe) bt P Pech (Fr), 6-7, 6-4, 7-5. Women: Second round: P Thoren (Fin) bt C Bousmans (Bel), 7-5, 7-5; K Labuschagne (US) bt S Timms, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Bottazzi (It) bt A Simpkin, 6-2, 6-2; A Radics (Arg) bt Grunfeld, 6-1, 6-3; M Mazzotta (Ven) bt C-L Cohen (Can), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

EVENING RACING RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft

6.10 (5f) 1, **Sylvan Tempest** (W R Swinburn, 15-8 fav); 2, Sweet 'N' Sharp (9-4); 3, Hawwam (13-2). 6 ran. NR: Amber Nectar. 8l, hd. P Mitchell. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.40. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.86.

6.40 (1m) 1, **Sergeant Meryll** (G Foster, 6-1); 2, Sparkford Lad (5-1 jt fav); 3, Footstool (8-1). Super Lunar 5-1 jt fav. 14 ran. 1½l, 2l. P Howling. Tote: £5.40; £2.20, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £7.80. CSF: £34.90. Tricast: £224.52.

7.10 (1¼m) 1, **San Carlos** (R Fox, 20-1); 2, Penny Forum (2-1 fav); 3, Ocean Hound (20-1). 12 ran. NR: Somebody, Pradel. 2½l, ½l. A Ingham. Tote: £37.10; £6.60, £1.60, £5.60. DF: £53.00.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

6.0 (2m hdle) 1, **Brown Bear Boy** (G McCourt, 2-1 fav); 2, Brandon Pier (11-2); 3, Mantique (9-2). 12 ran. 1½l, 2½l. Miss S Wilton. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £9.00. CSF: £12.83.

6.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Aughavogue** (T Morgan, 5-4 fav); 2, Timurs Double (7-4); 3, Incense (13-2). 5 ran. 3l, 30l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.51.

7.0 (3m 2f ch) 1, **Sunnyville** (G McCourt, 15-8); 2, De Pluvinel (5-1); 3, Royal Norman (10-1). Weight Problem 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 12l. P Burgoyne. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF:

GOLF

Stockholm beckons achievers

By John Hennessy

The historic links of Saunton Golf Club offer a dual incentive over the next three days. Not only is the English stroke-play championship at stake, but the winner might hope to have pencilled his name in the British Isles team for the world championship at Stockholm in September.

In the ordinary way, the English match-play championship might be regarded as of greater importance, restricted though the entry is, but the selectors for Sweden will be mindful of the fact that that event, too, consists of four rounds of stroke-play.

With the rest of the British Isles lightly represented, one would expect a member of the English team who beat France at the Berkshire earlier in the week to take possession of the Brabazon Trophy.

Paul Broadhurst, of Atherstone, is the man in form, after a victory in the Lytham Trophy and 3½ points out of four against France.

Yet this was a player who could hardly hit his hat two days before the Lytham. His teacher then detected a precipitate breaking of the wrists on takeaway and the rest is recent history.

Other members of the English team, notably David Curry, the Amateur champion in 1986, and Peter McEvoy, the Amateur champion on two previous occasions, have strong chances.

But on the fringe of the team, Andrew Hare, leader in the Amateur qualifying last year, has made an impressive start to the season with second place in the Berkhamsted Trophy, fifth in the West of England championship and fourth at Lytham.

David Bathgate, aged 16, the captain of this year's England Boys, played splendidly to win the first qualifying tournament on Wednesday with a 69. Since the second hole has been stretched to 508 yards, this established an amateur record. It provided the boost that his confidence needed after a harrowing total of 170 on the first day of the Lytham Trophy.

The French are here in force and Eric Giraud, in particular, is a force to be reckoned with. He was seven under par in beating McEvoy by 6 and 5 at the Berkshire and three under par in losing at the 17th to Broadhurst.

After distinguishing himself early on last year in the youths' championship at Hollinwell, Giraud fell away, but he looks a much stronger man this time, with, he claims, more control of his iron play. He could be the one to watch.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: First Day: 69: D A Bathgate (Sandiway). 70: S Pardoe (Goring and Streatley). 72: J Mullen (Welwyn Garden City), A Rogers (Ealing), G Lawrie (Prestwick St Nicholas). 73: J V T Marks (Woodbridge), M Kingsley (Whitefield), G Lashford (Malden), M P Wiggett (Boscombe), P R L Hughes (Frilford Heath). Second day: 70: J A C Lomas (Fr), J Cowgill (Royal Mid-Surrey). 72: T Trodd (Langley Park), C A Banks (Stanton-in-the-Wolds), A Raitt (Burnham). 73: J Gallagher (Colne), P Hurring (Cottesmore). 74: J Langmead (Newton Abbot), S R Robertson (Swindon).

Council unsure of action on steroids

By John Goodbody

The Home Office is likely to be told by the Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs that it is not yet convinced that it should be illegal for people to possess anabolic steroids without a medical prescription.

This would be a serious, although not fatal, rebuff for a large number of MPs, led by Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, who have been campaigning for such legislation to help irradicate the growing menace of drugs in British sport.

I understand that the technical committee of the advisory council, which yesterday held a final meeting on the subject, is not certain that the hormone drugs generate sufficient social problems to warrant such legislation. Last September, Douglas Hogg, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, asked the council to examine whether anabolic steroids should be included in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, which covers those substances that can have harmful effects sufficient to constitute a social problem.

Hormone drugs apparently come under the Medicines Act 1968, which only makes it an offence to sell the drugs. However, as a series of articles in *The Times* has shown, there is widespread selling and importing of these drugs in Britain.

Despite dedicated work by a small group of inspectors there are immense obstacles in the way of obtaining convictions, particularly since for two months customs officers have been ordered not to pass on information to the inspectors.

A change in the law to forbid the use of drugs without prescription would make policing their use much easier.

The issue will not be debated today in Parliament because the private members' Bill of Menzies Campbell, the spokesman on sport for the Social and Liberal Democrats, is likely to suffer from parliamentary procedure. The Abortion Bill of David Alton will get precedence over Campbell's. However, a second reading of the Bill may still be debated this session and Campbell is "much heartened" by the fact that 179 MPs have signed an early day motion to make the possession of anabolic steroids without a medical prescription a criminal offence.

The widespread all-party support for the Bill will put immense pressure on the Home Office to enact legislation whatever the advisory council recommend.

Another Conservative supporter of such legislation is Andrew Hargreaves, the MP for Birmingham Hall Green, who is particularly concerned that body builders should be encouraged to fulfil their natural potential through orthodox medical methods. As he rightly says, a large number of athletes first experience the dangers of drug taking when they train alongside body builders in gymnasiums.

He is hoping to bring together, under possible sponsorship, the necessary expertise to aid the vast number of body builders to fulfil their natural potential and has been promised the co-operation of several doctors and university medical research centres.

SQUASH RACKETS

Traces of a threat to the Khan dominance

From Colin McQuillan, Amsterdam

Such is the expectation of another all-Khan final in the NCM world open championship today that the arrival of Chris Dittmar and Ross Norman in the semi-finals would have seemed incidental were it not for the competitive hunger of the former and the commitment of the latter.

Jansher Khan, aged 18, is the defending champion. Jahangir Khan, aged 24, owned the title for five years until deposed by Norman in Toulouse in 1986. The two Pakistanis have been battling for personal supremacy ahead of the pack all season. Jansher leads 10-1 on victories. But Jahangir last month won a seventh successive British Open.

Their quarter-finals, respectively against Chris Robertson, of Australia, and Umar Hayat Khan, of Pakistan, were virtual exhibitions of accomplishment. Conversely, the quarter-final performances required of Dittmar and Norman to displace Rodney Martin, the young Australian who took Janshir's anticipated place in the British open final, and Del Harris, the British champion, were less entertaining but filled with intimations of future importance.

Dittmar labelled his 50-minute match with Martin as "scrappy squash." Martin's game depends upon flashing strokeplay in the front court while his opponent struggles to recover from earlier deliveries of perfect length and width to the deep court. Dittmar, aged 24, a left-hander, negated this completely by patrolling the half-court like a starving salamander snapping up volleys and drop shots as if they were juicy flies floating passed on the breeze.

Norman, aged 29, but stil reckoning on five years professional life among the top 16, chose the opposite approach to the racket-craft of Harris, driving him relentlessly to the deep corners and denying the space and time in which such intricacies can be constructed.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Robertson (Aus), 9-4, 9-2, 9-2; R Norman (NZ) bt D Harris (Eng), 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Martin (Aus), 4-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-7; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt U H Khan (Pak), 9-1, 9-1, 9-4.

YACHTING

Dickson's hopes fade on the wind

Ste Maxime — Just one race decided the winner of the Grundig Cup here yesterday: Paul Cayard, from San Francisco, taking a little over an hour to pick up a $100,000 prize (a Special Correspondent writes).

A bitterly disappointed Chris Dickson, from New Zealand, twice threw away chances to win the race and then, as the five-knot breeze died away to nothing, racing was abandoned.

The remainder of the best-of-three series was not held, which led to a protest by Dickson, but the international jury decided that Cayard, beaten by Dickson in the qualifying rounds, was the winner. It was an unsatisfactory end to the match-race series with the biggest cash prize in yachting.

Dickson conceded not just the start but a 270-degree penalty turn, and then fought back up the beat to be in a position to attack on the run, only to let Cayard off the hook. He did the same again on the second round, leaving Cayard with a win to add to the one he had in 1986 and his second place of last year.

While Cayard is concentrating on his campaign to sail a Star at the Olympics, Dickson, along with Peter Gilmour, of Australia, was last night leaving for Lymington in Hampshire.

Gilmour is the holder of the Lymington cup, presently Britain's premier match-racing regatta, which next week has attracted both new sponsorship from Duracell and the promise of four television programmes using footage from a balloon-mounted gyro camera.

His victim in the final last year was Edward Warden-Owen, who failed to make the semi-finals of the Grundig, but is bent on revenge next week.

BOXING

Collins in corner over EBU defence

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Tom Collins, Britain's European light-heavyweight champion, should have gone home to Leeds yesterday to start a happy retirement. He was ready to retire four contests ago. Defeat would allow him to call it a day — but he keeps on winning. Collins would have been the last one to complain if on Wednesday night, at Wembley, Mark Kaylor, of West Ham, had relieved him of his European title and the burden of ever having to train again.

But it was Kaylor who was forced into retirement after being knocked out in the ninth round by a right hand from the reluctant hero. "Surely he should be the president of the laid-back society," Collins's manager, Trevor Callighan, said. "Now he will go for the world title," he added.

Of the three world champions, Callighan wants Donny Lolande, of Canada, the World Boxing Council titleholder. "Lolande's fights are on coast to coast television in America. He is the one everyone wants because of the money. But we'll fight any of the three champions," Callighan said.

In the meantime, Collins is to rest for about four months and will not be able to defend his European title within the six weeks stipulated by the EBU. "If Collins had knocked out Kaylor in three or four rounds it would have been different; but not after such a hard fight," Callighan said. He is hoping that the EBU would either give him an extension or agree to keep Collins as a preferential challenger if he vacates his title.

It was a hard contest all right as Kaylor, with a stinging jab, kept getting through in the first round, forcing Collins to hold several times. It was only when the champion split Kaylor's left eyebrow with a right that he began to come back into the contest. "I knew the right hand would break Kaylor in the end," Callighan said. And in the eighth Kaylor began to go. "When they sent him out for the ninth it was on a muck or nettles basis," Callighan said. "He was beaten in the eighth."

Terry Lawless, Kaylor's manager, did well to retire him immediately after. Kaylor has never been steady on his feet since that traumatic beating from Buster Drayton in 1984.

Marsh is seeking ring return

By Srikumar Sen

Terry Marsh, the former world light-welterweight champion who was forced into retirement through epilepsy, wants to box again and will be applying to the British Boxing Board of Control for a licence.

He said yesterday that, as he has had no recurrence of epilepsy since he gave up boxing and the fire brigade, the illness could have been "mis-diagnosed".

Marsh said: "I'm going to apply for a fighter's licence. I had two attacks and each came after a title fight but, since I quit boxing and the fire service, nothing has happened. It could be a mis-diagnosis." But Marsh said he would only get back into the ring if he was paid £500,000.

The Boxing Board said that if Marsh received medical clearance and was passed by the Board's medical officers as well, he would be welcomed back.

John Morris, the secretary of the Board, said: "We would have to be 100 per cent plus certain that he was fit to box."

Marsh was hoping to start sparring yesterday with Sylvester Mittee, the former British and Commonwealth welterweight champion, who is himself making a comeback. But Morris warned that if Marsh sparred without a licence, he could endanger Mittee's licence.

"Marsh was before the Board yesterday for other matters and we mentioned the sparring and made the position quite clear to him," Morris said.

CYCLING

Curran handed a key role for Milk Race

By Peter Bryan

Paul Curran, the national road champion and double Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, has been given the rare accolade of having the amateur Great Britain team for the Milk Race built around him.

Instead of putting the six strongest individual riders into the squad, Doug Dailey, the national coach, has hand-picked riders who he is confident will sacrifice their own chances to put Curran among the race leaders in the 1100-mile am-pro race which starts on May 30.

"I have been under pressure to have one team of good riders, but I have not put all our eggs in one basket," he said yesterday when the Great Britain, England and Britannia selections were announced.

"The selectors agonized over the composition of the teams and we believe that we have come up with the right formula for this particular event with the full knowledge of the strength of the foreign, amateur and professional opposition."

Curran, he added, will have to inspire his team with "an early" indication of success.

GREAT BRITAIN: G Baker, P Curran, N Dunn, R Harrington, N Hoban, P Longbottom. **ENGLAND:** N Bishop, B Burns, A Hurford, W Randle, K Smith, M Twelves; **BRITANNIA:** D Cook, T Hall, D Hessan, N Hughes, B Smith, C Young.

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Worcestershire outgun Cook's men

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won the toss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by 125 runs

Destructive pace bowling brought Worcestershire a crushing victory in this Benson and Hedges Cup match yesterday and left qualification for the quarter-finals from zone B wide open. Defeat cost Northamptonshire more dearly than the points, for their captain, Geoff Cook, suffered a blow in the face which broke his jaw for the second time in four years.

Cook's injury came in a dramatic start to the home side's innings in pursuit of a Worcestershire total of 256 for eight on a pitch of variable bounce, Botham contributing his best score of the season, 43, and Hick 47, which rather surprisingly earned him the Gold Award from Denis Compton.

Cook had failed to sight Dilley's fourth ball, which flew from just short of a length, and struck him on the left side of his visor. After an attempt at running repairs on the field he was taken to hospital, where the worst was diagnosed.

More was to come as Botham required lengthy treatment to a blow on the left wrist. Then Radford, making good use of the conditions and his variations of pace, trapped Larkins, Lamb and Bailey leg-before to leave Northamptonshire effectively 38 for four in the twelfth over, and the contest was over.

When Botham, in his second over, and Newport, in the next, removed Williams and Wild with the total at 57, it was left only for Capel, who batted defiantly through 26 overs, and Ripley to save a little pride before Dilley returned to complete the demolition with nearly 15 overs to spare.

The watching England selector, Philip Sharpe, may not have learned much that he, or his colleagues who meet today to choose the England party for the Texaco Trophy matches against West Indies, did not know already.

The weather was overcast for much of the time, but the presence of Lillee, Botham, Hick and a few other players of not inconsiderable talent meant that a grey Thursday at Northampton was brightened by a crowd of around 3,000. There were not many empty seats and the football pitch was thick with cars.

Things went wrong for Northamptonshire as early as the second over after Cook had asked the visitors to bat first. Bailey, at second slip, spilled a straightforward chance off Capel from Curtis, who went on to make the top score of the innings, 52, and shared a second-wicket partnership of 112 in 22 overs with Hick during which Worcestershire, without attempting anything extravagant, threatened to race away with the game.

Lillee had difficulty with his control in an opening six-over spell costing 30 runs and including four wides, two no-balls and an imperious cover drive by Hick. Curtis, who always looks neat and well organized, kept pace with the young master from Zimbabwe as the hundred came up in the nineteenth over, but the medium pace of Wild, in his first game back after an arm operation, and the spin of Williams and Nick Cook, gradually pegged back the scoring-rate. Three runs short of his fifty, Hick mistimed a drive off Wild to long-off and was well taken by Capel low down.

Curtis chopped on against Cook and Neale, driving, was held by Ripley diving wide to his right in front of first slip as Worcestershire lost their way. This brought in Botham just before lunch and Capel, racing in, greeted him with a snorter which flew past his head. Capel v Botham remained a good contest after the interval, the young pretender passing him outside off stump and the great all-rounder pulling him to the fine leg fence.

Botham, however, was clearly struggling for form, although a change of bat when his old friend, Lillee, returned for his second spell, produced some sweeter sounds and three fours in an over from Walker before Capel, who bowled impressively, had the final say with another catch at long-off to end a partnership of 70 in 15 overs with D'Oliveira which put Worcestershire back on course. Capel completed his third outfield catch with a superb effort, covering 30 yards to remove D'Oliveira as Lillee gained some late solace, though it was that a surprise that Capel and the two spinners, who bowled their 15 overs for 38 runs, did not complete their allocations.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis b N G B Cook	52
G J Lord lbw b Capel	2
G A Hick c Capel b Wild	47
D B D'Oliveira c Capel b Lillee	34
*P A Neale c Ripley b Capel	7
I T Botham c Capel b Lillee	43
†S J Rhodes b Walker	10
P J Newport c G Cook b Lillee	9
N V Radford not out	6
R K Illingworth not out	7
Extras (b 7, lb 18, w 12, nb 2)	39
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	256

G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-122, 3-134, 4-147, 5-217, 6-225, 7-241, 8-243.

BOWLING: Lillee 11-0-61-3; Capel 10-0-39-2; Walker 11-0-59-1; Williams 7-1-21-0; Wild 8-0-34-1; N G B Cook 8-2-17-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

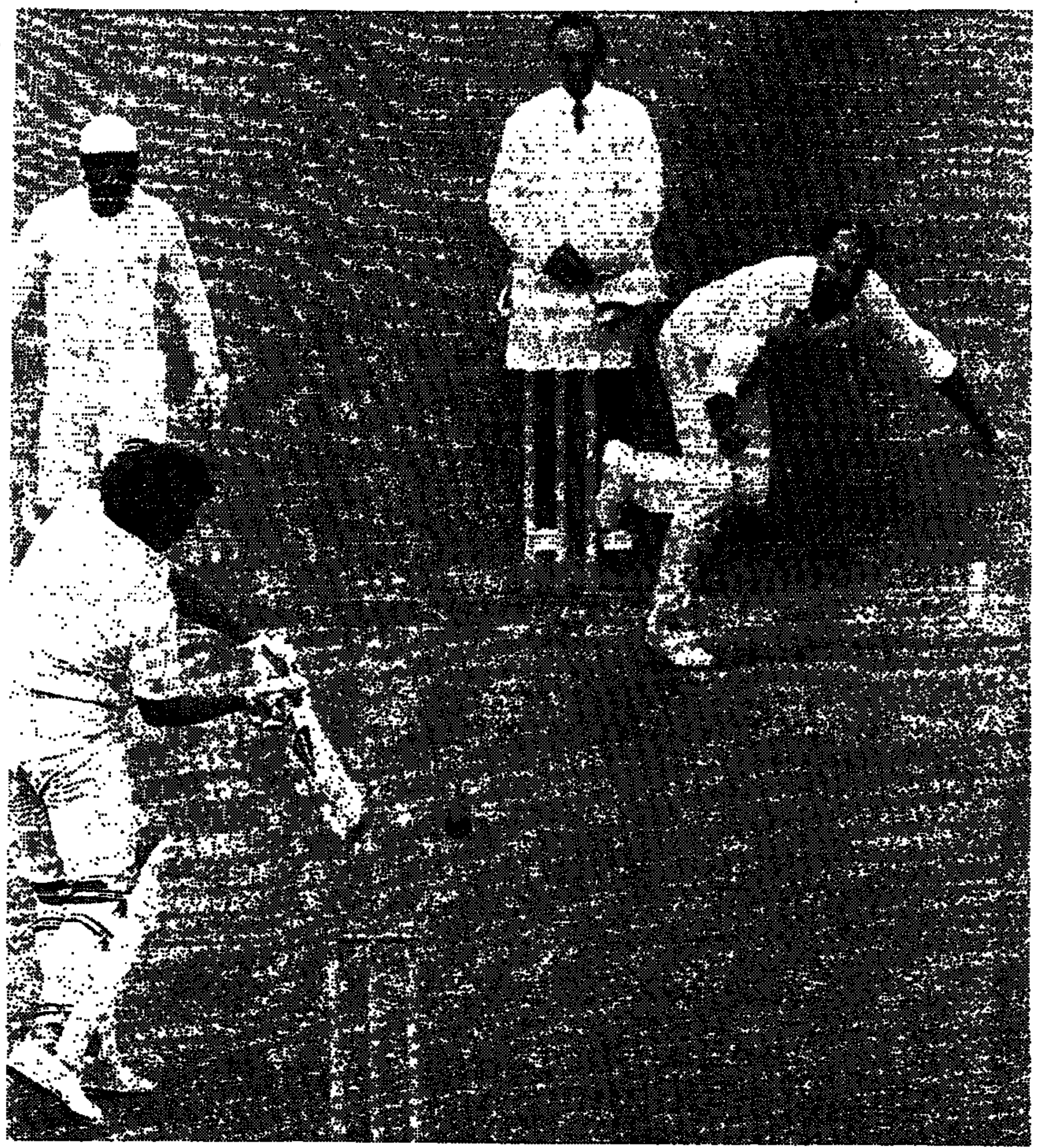
G Cook retired hurt	0
W Larkins lbw b Radford	0
R J Bailey lbw b Radford	22
A J Lamb lbw b Radford	6
D J Capel lbw b Radford	25
R G Williams b Botham	9
D J Wild b Newport	0
†D Ripley b Dilley	30
N G B Cook run out	8
D K Lillee b Dilley	7
A Walker not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 6, nb 8)	24
Total (40.3 overs)	131

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-21, 3-38, 4-55, 5-57, 6-97, 7-121, 8-128, 9-131.

BOWLING: Dilley 8.3-2-32-2; Radford 11-1-25-4; Newport 6-1-18-1; Botham 6-1-11-1; Illingworth 6-0-27-0; Hick 3-0-8-0.

Gold Award: G A Hick.

Umpires: A A Jones and P B Wight.



Best of enemies: Botham steps aside to flail at a ball from Lillee that missed both bat and stumps (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Chairmen in favour of BSB's venture into football on TV

By Peter Ball

Football is nerving itself for a first step into the unknown. British Satellite Broadcasting's presentation was received enthusiastically by the 92 Football League club chairmen yesterday, and the formation of a joint venture company between the Football League, the Football Association and BSB to control the televising of football seems almost certain to be approved at the Football League AGM on June 3.

Where that will leave the televising of the game in the immediate future remains to be seen. Although the authorities repeated that the current two-year contract on offer to BBC and ITV is not effected in any way, at an ITV press conference following the Football League one, John Bromley, ITV head of sport, reiterated his company's position that they will refuse to negotiate with a body including BSB, whom they regard as a direct competitor.

Asked whether this would mean no televising of football next season — since the BBC are taking a similar stand — Bromley said: "The threat of no football on ITV next season is there, but I don't think it will be off our screens."

Bromley went on to suggest that if they were unable to reach an agreement with English football, viewers who were missing their sport "will get Italian or Spanish football instead." He pointed out that any FA attempt to block that would almost certainly not stand up in court.

The presentation was made by Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the Football League, who said the proposal would give football £9 million in the first year, rising to over £25 million in ten years time. It would dramatically increase revenue, offer the sports viewer more choice, and give the game control of its own product for the first time.

As well as the marketing and merchandising operation, the new company will also be sports producers in their own right, becoming, according to Phillips: "The biggest independent sports production company in the country."

Most chairmen were enthusiastic when they emerged from the meeting. "It was the best presentation I have ever seen at the Football League," Irving Scholar of Tottenham Hotspur, said. "A very similar deal was offered and accepted in France and Germany and it is only a question of time. It has transformed French football from living on peanuts to a major income."

New sponsors

The Scottish Football League has completed a £1 million two-year sponsorship deal with B & Q, the do-it-yourself company, who are replacing Fine Fare, who contributed £750,000 over the previous three seasons.

Johnston decision startles Taylor

Craig Johnston's revelation that he wants to retire from football has brought immediate responses, both from his own Liverpool manager, Kenny Dalglish, and Gordon Taylor, the Players' Union leader. They were both surprised at the timing of Johnston's announcement — only two days before Liverpool try to become the first club to win the double twice — and nature of it.

Dalglish's reaction was to summon Johnston in for talks — which both parties refused to comment on — but Taylor said after asking Johnston to reconsider his decision to return to Australia for good: "If he walked out now, he wouldn't be able to play again without Liverpool's permission. He would be saying goodbye to football, which he says he wants. But I can't believe it."

Earlier, Johnston had declared: "I have fallen out of love with football. I have started to hate some aspects of it and this is the right decision for me and my family."

Liverpool's energetic midfield player, who still has a year of his contract to run,may now well have sacrificed the place on the substitute's bench which seemed the very least he would earn against Wimbledon tomorrow.

● Dalglish is so concerned about the effects of complacency among his squad, that yesterday he was quick to place in perspective his side's seemingly simple task.

"I think it is absolutely disgraceful the way people have been writing off Wimbledon's chances," he said."We know that Wimbledon are going to give us a good game. We would be fooling only ourselves if we did go into this game thinking any other way. All we can do is go down there and give it our best shot."

A surprise inclusion in the 20-strong squad Dalglish has taken to the team's southern headquarters is Jim Beglin, who has not played a senior game since he broke a leg more than 18 months ago.

Gascoigne may follow Leighton

By Ian Ross

Manchester United's expensive rebuilding programme is likely to gain yet more momentum early next week when the club's manager, Alex Ferguson is expected to make renewed attempts to sign Paul Gascoigne.

Having established a British football transfer record for a goalkeeper by signing Jim Leighton from Aberdeen for £750,000, Ferguson will turn his attentions to persuading Newcastle United's unsettled England under-21 international to move to Old Trafford.

Ferguson is believed to have lodged an official bid of £1.5 million with the St James's Park board earlier in the week. Although Ferguson's initial valuation falls well short of Newcastle's asking price of £2 million, there is room for manoeuvre and a compromise would undoubtedly be reached should Gascoigne show any interest at all in joining United.

Leighton, who could well make his debut for United next Tuesday when the Italian champions-elect, AC Milan visit Old Trafford for a friendly, has been given a five-years contract at Old Trafford today — and the promise of a championship medal. After persuading Leighton to virtually spend the rest of his career with United, Ferguson said: "He has destroyed the myth about Scottish keepers by keeping a blank sheet in 23 out of 42 internationals. I feel sure he will win a championship medal with us, hopefully in his first season."

Newcastle are prerаring for Gascoign's probable departure. They are after Peter Reid, the Everton and England midfield player.Reid, who is currently with his club in Majorca, would prefer to stay at Goodison but if Everton do not match Newcastle's offer, he could well be on his way to St James's Park. If he does go to Tyneside, Reid will not be linking up with his former Everton colleague, John Bailey, who is being given a free transfer by Newcastle.

Thorburn sentence ridiculed as lenient

By Steve Acteson

Cliff Thorburn was yesterday banned from the first two ranking tournaments of the next snooker season, fined £10,000 and docked two ranking points after being found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute by failing a random drugs test at the British Open.

A spokesman for the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) confirmed that Thorburn, a 40-year-old Canadian, had had "minute traces of cocaine in his urine sample" when tested after a match on February 22 at the event in Derby.

Thorburn appeared before a disciplinary hearing in London on Monday. In reaching his decision on the punishment, Gavin Lightman QC, said: "It was of the highest importance that Mr Thorburn had not attempted to enhance his performance as a snooker player, nor was there any evidence to that effect."

A year ago Alex Higgins was given the most severe punishment yet meted out, also by Mr Lightman, when he was fined £12,000 and banned from five tournaments, two of them carrying ranking points, for his misdeeds the previous season. These included head butting an official and accusing Thorburn of taking "little bags of white powder."

Yesterday, Higgins' manager, Howard Kruger, said Thorburn should have had the maximum punishment for taking hard drugs. "I'm furious to think that the very same QC handed out a far heavier sentence to Alex last year."

Another manager, Ian Doyle said: "It's incredible. I am amazed at Gavin Lightman's decision and cannot follow his reasoning."

Boxall and James lead after first-round crawl

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Santander

In his youth, Severiano Ballesteros often went round the Pedreña course in one hour. Yesterday, he required that time to complete the first two holes in the Spanish Open, which became one long yawn, with rounds taking five-and-a-half hours, although Richard Boxall and Mark James at least had cause to celebrate as they each scored 63 to share the lead.

On Wednesday in the pro-am, Ballesteros had established a new record for the course, where his education as a golfer took place, by compiling a spectacular 61. To the disappointment of his supporters, he could do no better than a lacklustre 72 when the championship itself began.

He seemed unconcerned by having to wait 30 minutes on the second tee. Ballesteros, of course, is responsible for the championship being staged at Pedreña because Amen Corner, the company which he formed with his brothers, is the organizing body.

In fairness, it is a delightful course which has been excellently prepared for the return of the Spanish Open, which was last played here in 1946. It is, however, too cramped in places and with a field of 150, there was little flexibility.

Ballesteros, clearly disappointed with his game, said: "We took five-and-a-half hours and that is very unusual for 18 holes. The pace of play was too slow, but the problem with the size of the field does not only apply to this event. I have been saying for some time that we should have only 120 players teeing up."

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	361	4	10	207	3
2	207	3	11	512	5
3	387	4	12	166	3
4	449	4	13	386	4
5	311	4	14	343	4
6	418	4	15	230	3
7	167	3	16	523	5
8	388	4	17	393	4
9	478	5	18	361	4
Out	3,166	35	In	3,121	35

Total yardage: 6,287 Par: 70

Boxall and James each recorded personal best scores. For Boxall it came at an appropriate time. He explained: "My father told me two months ago that I was at the crossroads. He said that if I couldn't earn enough money to make a living on the tour, then I should find something else to do. It is true that I have wasted three years, and that I enjoy a drink or two, but some of the rumours have been unkind. Whatever some people might think, I don't put gin on my cornflakes in the morning."

Boxall gathered seven birdies plus an eagle at the 13th, where he holed an eight-iron shot of 130 yards. James moved alongside him later in the day with a flawless round that included seven birdies.

Ken Brown, playing alongside Ballesteros, put together an excellent 67. Nick Faldo took 68 and Ian Woosnam had a creditable 70.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 63: R Boxall, M James. 66: G Ralph, M Tapia (Fr). 67: D Williams, K Brown, I Roberts (Aus), M Hallberg (Swe), J Rivero (Sp), C O'Connor jnr (Ire). 68: P Senior (Aus), D A Russell, M Miller, P Fowler (Aus), N Faldo, M Pinero (Sp), M Clayton (Aus), P Mitchell, P Thomas. 69: C Montgomerie, P Parkin, J Slaughter (US), G Garrido (Sp), J Carriles (Sp), D Llewellyn, Philip Harrison, M Aparacio (Sp), D Jones, *Y Beamonte (Sp), S Bennett, M Davis, I Mosey, J Buendia (Sp), B Malley (US), A Forsbrand (Swe), G Taylor (Aus), Kyi Hla Han (Burma), A Saavedra (Arg), G Brand jnr, M Kuramoto (Japan). Other scores included: 70: I Woosnam. 72: S Ballesteros (Sp).

* denotes amateur.

Tour invitations withdrawn

By Keith Macklin

The places of Des Drummond, of Warrington, and Joe Lydon, of Wigan, on the Great Britain tour of Australasia were in jeopardy last night, when the Rugby League withdrew their tour invitations in the wake of last Sunday's brawl at Widnes and the recent court hearing in which Lydon was remanded on a charge of assaulting a spectator after a match at St Helens.

The Rugby League, yesterday issued a statement which said that: "the invitations to Drummond and Lydon have been withdrawn until the outcome is known of current legal proceedings and enquiries."

Yesterday Cheshire County Police interviewed Drummond over allegations that he struck a spectator in the fracas that broke out during Sunday's Widnes versus Warrington match.

Drummond had been asked to appear before the League's management committee to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute but the committee took the inevitable course of adjourning the hearing because it might be prejudicial to any hearings in the courts, and to police enquiries.

Drummond was due to leave on Monday with the main party, while Lydon intended to travel to Australia in June following the completion of his examinations at Lancashire Polytechnic. The file on Drummond's alleged assault has to be considered by the Crown Prosecutions Service and there is an adjournment in Lydon's case.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Manager backed

Naples (AP) — Corrado Ferlaino, the club president, yesterday termed "inopportune and incorrect" the "revolt" of Napoli players against their manager, Ottavio Bianchi, as the club virtually lost the Italian league title.

On Wednesday Napoli players, including Maradona and Careca, denounced "the non-existent relations with the manager" as the major factor behind a recent spell of defeats.

Rare showing

Steve Webster and Tony Hewitt, the world sidecar champions, make one of their rare appearances in Britain when they compete at Mallory Park on Sunday.

Maradona: player in revolt

Trouble ahead

Kirkland Laing, the British welterweight champion, is in trouble with the Boxing Board of Control. Laing jumped into the ring at Wembley on Wednesday to protest to the referee. Sid Nathan, about a points verdict awarded against his brother.

Kelly poised

Sean Kelly held on to second place in the Tour of Spain yesterday, finishing in company with the race leader, Anselmo Fuerte after the seventeenth, 132-mile mountainous stage between Toledo and Avila. The Irishman has until Sunday to overcome the Spaniard's 21-second advantage.

United refusal

Manchester United have refused Widnes permission to train at Old Trafford before the Stones Bitter Rugby League premiership final against St Helens on Sunday. John Stringer, the Widnes general manager, explained: "United don't want to give us any unfair advantage and are also concerned about the poor condition of their pitch. We quite understand their position."

Whitbread's osteopath denies reports

Fatima Whitbread's personal osteopath yesterday dismissed reports that the world javelin champion is about to retire from top-level athletics just months before the Olympic Games in Seoul (Steven Downes writes).

Terry Moull, who has been treating the former world record-holder every day for injuries to her foot, back and hamstring, said yesterday that Whitbread is less depressed after a couple of days' recuperation.

"Fatima did two good sessions today and is feeling vastly better," Moull said.

Captain Lyle

Sandy Lyle, the Masters champion, has been invited to captain Scotland in the Dunhill Cup

END COLUMN

Politics chips away at golf

By Neil Macfarlane

The fast-expanding European professional golf circuit is the latest sporting activity to become embroiled in the South African problem. As the Spanish Open began in Pedreña yesterday in the shadow of the Government there imposing a ban on South African players, the game is under growing threat of political interference.

Golfers, along with tennis players, were barred last year by Sweden and The Netherlands. More recently, the United Nations blacklist — which is without status and is not recognized by the United Kingdom — has had more names added to it. These include Woosnam, Faldo and Lyle.

Furthermore, the governments of Sweden and The Netherlands will ban from participation in a sporting event anybody who has been to South Africa. We can therefore expect the exclusion of Europe's and Britain's world-class golfers who would thus be denied the opportunity to earn their living in these two European countries.

The Netherlands is a European Community country subject to the EC laws of freedom of movement between workers and Sweden is a member of the Council of Europe. So much for European harmonization at all levels.

Wounds will be self-inflicted

The Swedish Golf Federation is therefore faced with problems. These posturings will result in self-inflicted wounds in both feet. If the two tournaments there this year are to have any credibility, they have to attract some of the world's leading golfers. The blacklist would preclude a sizeable proportion of the Ryder Cup team as well as leading Americans.

The PGA European Tour, of which the Spanish Open is a part, states in its regulations for 1988: "For a tournament to qualify as a PGA European Tour-approved tournament, it has to be approved by the board of directors of the PGA European Tour and, in the case of continental events, by the appropriate national golf union or federation.

"Normally, no tournament will qualify to be PGA European Tour-approved when admittance to participate in that event is based on criteria other than proven golf ability. Exclusion on grounds of nationality, race, religion or political belief are deemed unacceptable, subject to authorization by European national governments."

So, here is a dilemma for the Swedish and Spanish golfers who have won in Europe in recent years. During the course of a golfing calendar, they have played with and against South Africans in Europe. Last year, Lanner, of Sweden, and Hawkes, of South Africa, met in the final of the Epson Grand Prix of Europe at St Pierre.

Paired with the South Africans

Several times in stroke-play events, Swedish and Spanish golfers have paired with great players from South Africa, Bland, Baiocchi, and Player, and long may they continue to do so. But they must beware of what their Government may be planning. It will surely try to prevent them partnering South Africans elsewhere.

Part of the insidious system of the South African non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC) is to chip away at weak governments, first with one proposal one year and then another, after the first has been achieved.

What will the British Government do when our Open champions, Lyle and Faldo, are denied their right to play in The Netherlands and Sweden? I can tell my colleagues at the Foreign Office that there are dozens of players affected and sooner or later the problem will be on their doorstep.

There is one thing that can be done. The golfing federations of each of the countries, if they have a mind to threaten similar action, will have to explain to their governments the precise and potentially damaging situation.

The players' activities may be monitored by SANROC, which, perhaps, will next be demanding that West Indian players should not play county cricket with any South African in the same county XI.

Sir Neil Macfarlane, Sports Minister from* 1981 *to* 1985, *is Conservative MP for Sutton and Cheam, and a vice-president of the PGA European Tour.

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